STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1107 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15

, 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2937

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state Englishmedium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Executive Office on Early Learning, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Laboratory Public Charter School, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; Kupuna for the Mo'opuna; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that this measure would ensure the continuation of a laboratory school program, which is currently a Hawaiian-medium program, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Your Committee also finds that this measure is in alignment with

the Early Learning Board's Road Map, which among other things, recommends the permanent exemption provided in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology,

AMY A. PERRUJO, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date		
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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
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3. LA CHICA, Trish				
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4. MARTEN, Lisa			·	
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8. QUINLAN, Sean				
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acron m(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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