STAND. COM. REP. NO. 726-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2937

S.D. 1 H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.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 Executive Office on Early Learning; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawaii at Hilo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; 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 facilitate the continued progress in Hawaiian-medium education and the revitalization of the Hawaiian language across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

SB 2937-SD1,HD1 HET,	e Referral: JHA, FII	Tal: A, FIN Date: 3.21.24		
☐ 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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2 TAKAYAMA Cungg (VC)				
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
4. GANADEN, Sonny				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
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6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
7 HACAN CHARGE				
7. ILAGAN, Greggor		A CONTRACTOR		
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
10. SOUZA, Kanani				
TO SO SELLY TRAINING				
TOTAL (10)	10	_	_	_
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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