

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2012
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2012 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY LITERACY LABS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Department of Education to establish and implement a two-year Community Literacy Labs Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii State Public Library System.

Your Committee finds that literacy is vital for success in academics, employment, economic progress, and civic life. Your Committee further finds that schools face limitations in time, staff, and resources to address the literacy needs of their students. Your Committee believes that the establishment of community literacy labs will increase reading proficiency for students through community-based and culturally relevant programs that are coordinated with schools.

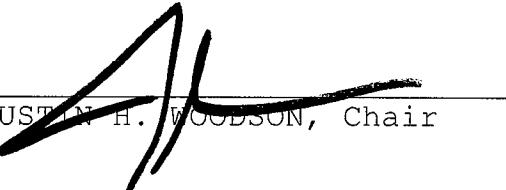
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Education to prioritize the establishment and implementation of community literacy labs in communities demonstrating the greatest literacy and access needs;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) 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 Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2012, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JUSTIN N. H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2012	EDN, HSH, FIN	2/3/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)				
3. AMATO, Terez				
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				
7. KILA, Darius K.				
8. OLDS, Ikaika				
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				
10. SOUZA, Kanani				
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Trish LaChica</i>				
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