

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1891
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to implement dyslexia-sensitive, linguistically appropriate universal screenings and evidence-based interventions; offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions; and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for dyslexia-sensitive, linguistically appropriate universal screeners.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i State Youth Commission; Hawaii State Literacy Coalition; Special Education Advisory Council; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Teach for America Hawai'i; Aloha Independent Living Hawaii; HawaiiKidsCAN; The Reading League Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee



received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



