

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 05 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2622
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. 2622, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to meet the language access needs of residents with limited English proficiency and expand access to bilingual resources and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; The Legal Clinic; Pacific Gateway Center; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center; Roots Reborn; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

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. 2622, 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



