

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2395

S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2395, S.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 improve the administration
of the State's language access law and enhance various county
representation on the Language Access Advisory Council.

Specifically, the measure clarifies and adds definitions
relating to language access to the language access law, adds a
representative from each county to the Language Access Advisory
Council, and designates the Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil
Rights Commission or authorized representative as an ex-officio
member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the
Judiciary, Office of Language Access, Congress of Visayan
Organizations, and the Hawaii Interpreter Action Network.

Your Committee finds that this measure will streamline and
strengthen Hawaii's language access law and will allow the Office
of Language Access to be more effective in performing its
functions, ensuring compliance with the law by providing
meaningful access to essential government services to limited
English proficient individuals.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting in the provisions that authorize the appointment of county resident representatives to the Language Access Advisory Council, the requirement that the person have an interest in language access; and
- (2) Adding a representative from the Disability and Communication Access Board to the Language Access Advisory Council as an ex-officio member.

Your Committee also amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2395, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2395, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	/			
HEE, Clayton (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	4			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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