

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 813  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to designate September as "Language Access Month" to promote awareness of language access for government services and emphasize the importance of and need for language access in Hawaii's diverse society.

Your Committee on Conference notes that on August 11, 2000, President Clinton issued an executive order directing all federal agencies to publish written policies on how recipients can provide access to persons of limited English proficiency and improve language accessibility to its programs.



Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding language recognizing the August 11, 2000, executive order; and
- (2) Changing "Language Access Month" from September to August.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

  
JOEY MANAHAN, Co-Chair

  
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