

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 14

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2009

RE: S.B. No. 312

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 312 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote awareness and emphasize the importance of language access for state services by designating the month of September as "language access month."

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is rich with cultural diversity. However, with this diversity comes language barriers for foreign-born residents who are not fluent in the English language. This measure serves to celebrate the efforts Hawaii has taken to ensure that all residents have equal access to state programs, activities, and services, regardless of their English proficiency. This measure designates the month of September as "language access month" to acknowledge and raise awareness of such efforts; encourage the continued provision of language access services; and honor Hawaii's diversity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 312 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.



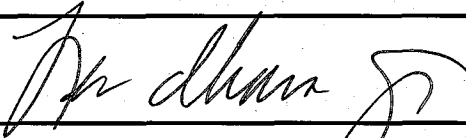
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 312	Committee Referral: HMS, JGO	Date: 2/5/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes