

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2976

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2374

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2374 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transfer the Office of Language Access from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of Health as an administratively attached agency.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Office of Language Access, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Office of Language Access Advisory Council; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Congress of Visayan Organizations; Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant and Refugee Services; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committees find that the transfer of the Office of Language Access from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of Health will enable the Department of Health to provide a broader base of support and allow for a more effective and efficient use of resources to provide vital language services to the more than 140,000 limited-English-proficient individuals in the State.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2374, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB2374	Committee Referral: H/H/JDL, WAM	Date: 3/20/12		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4			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