

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 962
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 962 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO
"INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change
references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes by substituting
"intellectual disabilities", or like term, wherever the term
"mental retardation", or like term, appears.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Kauai
Developmental Disabilities Committee, Maui Developmental
Disabilities Committee, Disability and Communication Access Board,
Special Education Advisory Council, Hawaii Disability Rights
Center, Easter Seals Hawai'i, Opportunities and Resources Inc., and
twenty-four individuals.

Your Committee finds that individuals with intellectual
disabilities are people first, and they have the right to be
included and respected in society. Changing references from
"mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" within the
Hawaii Revised Statutes appropriately reflects current and
evolving terminology.

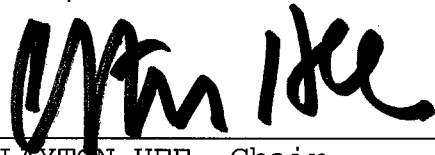


Your Committee also finds that the term "intellectual disability" is recognized by the federal government and implemented through federal laws and regulations. Hawaii will join the country and professional organizations that have changed their language from "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability", and in doing so, respect people first.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 962, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 962, S.D. 1.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

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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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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