

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1131
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1131 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL ENTRANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the overall health of Hawaii's students by requiring a child to have a dental examination prior to initial entrance in any school in the State.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Hawaii Dental Association supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Education opposed this bill. The Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting the licensed primary care provider of a child with developmental disabilities to annually determine whether a dental examination is necessary;
- (2) Providing that should a child with a developmental disability not complete a dental examination deemed necessary by the child's licensed primary care provider within three months of the date of school entry, the examination must be completed within ninety, rather than



thirty, days or the child will not be admitted to school; and

- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1131, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



