

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEBRUARY 28**, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1596  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1596, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITERACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

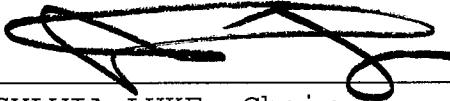
The purpose of this measure is to promote literacy in Hawaii by establishing and funding a Statewide Literacy Program within the Department of Human Services to allow collaboration with nonprofit groups to provide direct services to children and their parents to teach children to read, strengthen family relationships, and improve family attitudes towards school and learning.

The Hawaii State Public Library System and numerous concerned citizens submitted testimony in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1596, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



