

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 24, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 238

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 238 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS WHETHER CHILDREN IN HAWAII WHO ARE DEAF OR SEVERELY HARD OF HEARING AND WHO CHOOSE THE AURAL/ORAL ROUTE OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVE PROPER TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO LEARN SPOKEN LANGUAGE SKILLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assess whether children in Hawaii who are deaf or severely hard of hearing receive the proper training and support to learn spoken language skills through the aural/oral route of communication by requesting the Superintendent of Education and the Director of Health to:

- (1) Establish a working group to assess the needs of deaf and severely hard of hearing children in Hawaii, the availability of qualified speech therapy professionals, the potential role of telehealth services in connecting families to necessary services, and the role of insurance in providing coverage of necessary therapy; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.



The Department of Health, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 238 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 1229-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HCR 238</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, EDN, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/21/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo				✓
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>VCR</i>				
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