

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1223
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1223 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo to:

- (1) Establish a four-year Hawaiian Language Medium Preschool Pilot Program as part of the Hawaiian Language College Laboratory School Program; and
- (2) Provide annual reports to the Legislature, over the same four-year period, of the progress of the Pilot Program.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee, University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Hawaiian Language, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kamehameha Schools, and Ho'omana Pono, LLC and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. The University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the Department of Education provided comments.

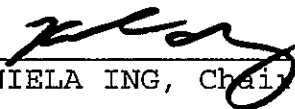
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to December 24, 2088, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1223, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1223, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,



KANIELA ING, Chair



