

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1224

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. 1224 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 University of
Hawaii at Hilo Hawaiian Language College to establish a pilot
program that provides classes, taught in the Hawaiian language, to
high school students in the State.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kamehameha Schools, Ho'omana
Pono, LLC, and a few individuals testified in support of this
measure. The University of Hawaii at Hilo 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. 1224, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1224, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Education and Higher Education.

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


KANIELA ING, Chair



