

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 12**, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2227

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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2227  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support ongoing efforts to  
improve access to government services and programs for limited  
English proficient individuals by appropriating funds to operate  
the Statewide Language Access Resource Center and the Multilingual  
Website Pilot Project.

Catholic Charities Hawaii and the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers  
Association testified in support of this measure. The Office of  
Language Access and an individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the appropriations in unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2070, to  
encourage further discussion.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure  
further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider  
appropriating:

- (1) \$300,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 to operate the  
Statewide Language Access Resource Center; and



- (2) \$150,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 to operate the Multilingual Website Pilot Project.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2227, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



