STAND. COM. REP. NO. XT

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2554 H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2554, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and designate American Sign Language (ASL) as a language distinct from English and Hawaiian, which are the official languages of the State.

The Disability and Communication Access Board, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, Isle Interpret, LLC, Hawaii Deaf Surfriders Association, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2554, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2554, H.D. 2.



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

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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: Dat		e:	
HB2554 HD1	JUD, FIN 02/25/16			
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				·
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
15. POUHA, Feki				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	15			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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