

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 17, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2232
S.D. 2
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2232, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Erin's Law Task Force (Task Force) to guide the establishment of a program to educate public school students on sexual abuse prevention through use of age-appropriate curricula. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Task Force to review current policies, programs, and curricula for educating public school students about sexual abuse prevention and make recommendations for the establishment of the program;
- (2) Requires the Department of Education to implement the recommendations of the Task Force in the 2017-2018 school year or to notify the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives standing committees with primary jurisdiction over education and human services if the Department is unable to do so; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the operations of the Task Force.



The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; American Association of University Women, Hawaii; Hawaii State Teachers Association; and several individuals supported this measure. The Executive Office on Early Learning and Department of Education supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the composition of the Task Force to:

- (1) Include the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee rather than a Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Education as Chair; and
- (2) Add an elementary school principal and a secondary school principal, to be designated by the Superintendent.

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2232, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2232, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



