Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8

, 2016

RE:

S.B. No. 2476

S.D. 2 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 S.B. No. 2476, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide assistance to children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Health, Department of Education, and Executive Office on Early Learning to establish a working group on issues related to supporting age-appropriate development for children up to five years of age who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for two permanent full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions in the Department of Health to provide early language services for children up to three years of age who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

The Disability and Communication Access Board and one individual testified in support of this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing rather than requiring early intervention services for infants and toddlers;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation; and
- (3) 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 S.B. No. 2476, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

| Bill/Resolution No.: SB2476 SD2 HD1 | Committee Referral: HLT, EDN, FIN | Date: | Date: 04/07/16 | | |
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| ☐ 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) | 1/ | | | | |
| 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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| The recommendation is: Adopted | | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: | | | | | |
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