STAND. COM. REP. NO. 217-16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 24, 2016 RE: S.B. No. 2981 S.D. 1 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 Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2981, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize American Sign Language as a world language and allow public school students who successfully complete courses in American Sign Language to receive credit toward graduation requirements for world language.

The Disability and Communication Access Board, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, Hawaii Deaf Surfriders Association, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2981, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2981, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date: SB 2981 SD1 EDN FIN 3/2//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)					
EDN Memb	ers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)		1			
2. OHNO, Takashi (VC)		1			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.		1			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.		~			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda		\checkmark			
6. ING, Kaniela					-
7. ITO, Ken					
8. KONG, Sam Satoru					/
9. SAY, Calvin K.Y.		/			
10. TSUJI, Clift		/			
11. MATSUMOTO, Laure	n Kealohilani	/			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.					-
TOTAL (12)		8			- 4
The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referral,	Not Adopted did not support recommendation			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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