

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3186

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 51

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 51 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO OFFER COURSES IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to offer courses in American Sign Language in at least one high school per complex area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that American Sign Language is a separate language from English, with its own vocabulary and grammatical rules. American Sign Language is the third most studied language in the United States, and it is valuable to individuals with hearing impaired friends and family members as well as to the public as a marketable skill. Your Committee further finds that although the Department of Education offers some courses in American Sign Language, Hawaii's students would benefit if the ability to study the language were more readily available.



Your Committee has amended this measure by recognizing that the Department of Education does offer minimal courses in American Sign Language.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 51, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 51, S.D. 1.

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

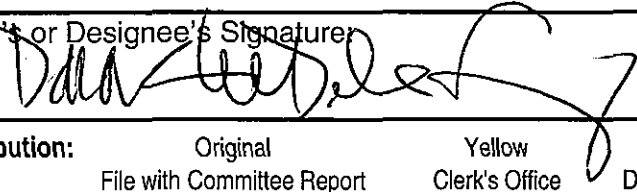


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 51	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/23/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes