

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1943
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1943 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to establish two full-time equivalent permanent program specialist positions within the Office of Language Access to assist state agencies and state-funded agencies in implementing the requirements of Hawaii's language access law.

The Judiciary, Office of Language Access, State Health Planning and Development Agency, Hawai'i TESOL, Filipino American Citizens League, Tinalak Filipino Education Council, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Filipina Advocacy Network, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, and a few individuals supported this measure. The American Immigration Council provided comments.

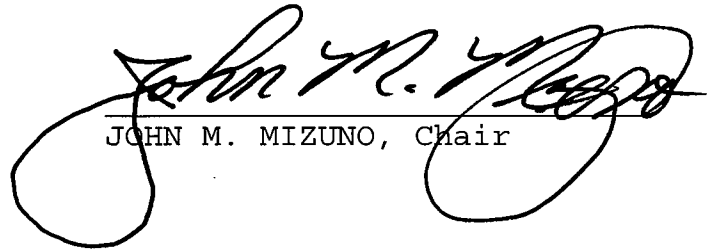
Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1943, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass



Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1943, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



