

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2117
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2117, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDIZED TESTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote real-world learning experiences for Hawaii's children by:

- (1) Limiting the number of standardized tests that students in Department of Education (DOE) schools take each year;
- (2) Requiring DOE to notify students and parents or guardians of students about the right to opt out of participating in standardized tests; and
- (3) Requiring the Board of Education to conduct a one-year statewide survey of DOE school administrators and teachers to determine the amount of time spent on standardized testing preparation and the effect of preparation time on the quality of instruction.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Parents for Public Schools of Hawai'i, IMUAlliance, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawaii, and several individuals supported this measure.



The Department of Education and Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

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 H.B. No. 2117, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



