

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2139  
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a state corollary to Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972, Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, including gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation, in any:

- (1) State educational program or activity; or
- (2) Educational program or activity that receives state financial assistance.


The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Hawaii Youth Services Network, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action Center, American Association of University Women in Hawai'i, Life of the Land, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Young Progressives Demanding Action-Hawaii, IMUAlliance, Life Foundation, The CHOW Project, Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawai'i State



Democratic Women's Caucus, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Hawaii LGBT Legal Association, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Amnesty International Hawaii Chapter #449, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, AF3IRM Hawai'i, YWCA Oahu, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and one individual provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



