

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2677
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. 2677 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERPRETER SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for interpreter services for the Deaf and Blind Task Force's meetings.

Disability and Communication Access Board, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, Isle Interpret, LLC, and a few concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

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

Your Committee notes that the estimated expense is \$450 for interpreters for each meeting and that the Deaf and Blind Task Force meets monthly. As such, the annual cost to provide interpreters for the Deaf and Blind Task Force is estimated to be \$5,400.

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. 2677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2677, 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



