

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 856  
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. 856 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that sexuality health education in state-funded programs include education on sexual abuse and assault, methods of preventing sexual abuse and assault, identifying sexual abuse and assault, and available resources.

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, IMUAlliance, Community Alliance on Prisons, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and three individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education and Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

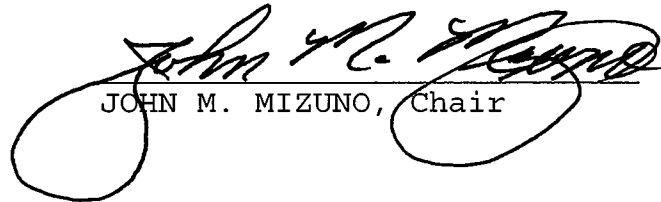
- (1) Making the inclusion of sexual abuse and assault education permissive rather than mandatory;
- (2) Requiring the Board of Education to report to the Legislature before the regular session of 2019;



- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 856, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 856, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



