

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3664

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 24 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1529
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT JOURNALISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow student journalists at public schools to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Big Island Press Club, Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter, Student Press Law Center, Hawaii Publishers Association, All Hawaii News, and nineteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that preparing students to become engaged global citizens requires them to master the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and take informed action. Student journalism is an important means of achieving these goals. These students should be allowed to learn journalism without unreasonable editorial constraints on their basic freedoms of speech and of press. General constraints and broad editorial censorship of the works of students based simply on the authority of the school must be tempered and regulated by specific rules



designed to support the students' ability to tell the stories that matter to them, to their peers, and to their school community. This measure establishes a student free expression act to allow journalism students to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of press in school-sponsored media, limited only by very similar limitations imposed on professional journalists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2055, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

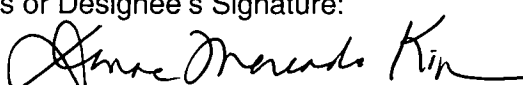


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
HB 1529, HD 2	EDU, JDC/WAM	03/11/2020	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
Excused			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/		
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/		
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.			/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/		
FEVELLA, Kurt	/		
TOTAL	4		1
Recommendation:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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