

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2420
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2420 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Clarifies the intent for a state law counterpart for disability discrimination in federally-funded programs and services; and
- (2) Excludes jurisdiction over programs or activities that are covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, Disability and Communication Access Board, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission carries out the constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. The State has a long tradition of enacting its own civil rights



protections that either complement or provide stronger protections than those provided at the federal level.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to December 31, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



