

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2483  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Lower & Higher Education and Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2483 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BULLYING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all entities that provide educational or recreational activities to youth to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures on bullying and related behaviors, and provide staff with appropriate annual training, regardless of whether the entity receives any government funding.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services and LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Youth Services Network.

Your Committees find that youths participating in educational and recreational activities have the right to be free from bullying, and that bullying, and the related problems of harassment and retaliation, inhibit a young person's ability to learn and an educational or recreational activity provider's ability to teach students in a safe environment. Your Committees



further find that a safe and civil environment helps youths to learn and thrive. This measure ensures that such an environment will be established by requiring providers of education and recreational activities to youths in the State to create and maintain clear and consistent policies and procedures to address bullying, harassment, and retaliation, and that their employees and staff who work closely with the youths receive appropriate training on how to recognize and address such problematic behaviors.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:


- (1) Deleting language specifying the design and parameters of the consequences that may result from an identified incident of bullying, harassment, or retaliation, and instead requiring the Department of Education to determine the list of consequences;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Lower & Higher Education and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2483, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Lower & Higher  
Education and Human Services &  
Homelessness,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

HSCR 128-20

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2483</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LHE/HSR, JUD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>1/30/2020</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. QUINLAN, Sean (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>11</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Mark J. Hasem</u>				
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