

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 156

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 225  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 225 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BULLYING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Board of Education to develop a bullying prevention and response action plan;
- (2) Require the Board of Education, or the Department of Education as the Board's designee, to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the action plan and reported incidents of alleged bullying and harassment; and
- (3) Repeal Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, which required the Board of Education to monitor the Department of Education for compliance with any Department administrative rules or statutes governing bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment.



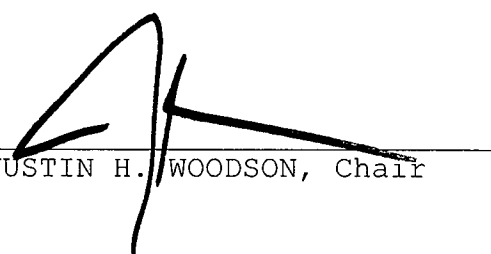
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education advocates for safe learning environments that ensure the wellbeing of students and recognizes bullying as a severe issue. Furthermore, the Department of Education fosters positive and safe learning environments for all students and staff by creating a culture of respect, responsibility, and resiliency. This measure will help the Board and Department in responding to and preventing bullying in public schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050.

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. 225, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 225, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 225	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, JHA, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/4/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EDN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val		✓		
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	10	1		1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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