

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2418

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2694

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2694 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE CONTRACTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all principal departments in the State to use gender-neutral terminology in all state contracts.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Hawaii Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, and thirteen individuals.

Your Committees find that language matters. Language has the power to offer the validation and acknowledgement of identities and the power to deny it. Your Committees further find that requiring gender neutral language in government contracts will reinforce the need to make a conscious effort to use language that is inclusive and validating for everyone.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2694 and recommend that it pass



Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Government Operations,



SHARON MORIWARRI, Chair



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

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SB 2694	JDC/GVO, WAM	02-11-22

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

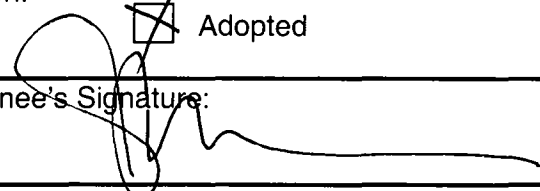
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	X			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	X			
CHANG, Stanley	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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