

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2023

RE: S.B. No. 109
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMINOLOGY,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to replace gender-specific terminology used in certain parental and marital matters with gender-neutral terminology.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing parental and marriage laws reflect outdated, cisheteronormative concepts of families, parenthood, parental rights, and relationships. Adopting gender neutral terminology is a necessary update to keep existing laws relevant to all marriages, divorces, and adoptions.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective on January 1, 2024.

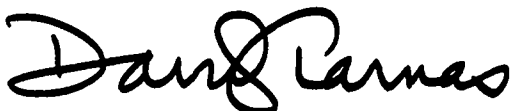


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Chair



KARL RHOADS
Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 109, SD 1, HD 1 Date/Time: 4/21/23 2:37 pm

[X] The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

[] The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

[] The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

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Table with columns for Senate Managers, House Managers, and vote types (A, WR, N, E). Includes names like RHOADS, Karl, Chr. and TARNAS, David A., Chr. and a TOTAL row at the bottom.

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: [X] Adopted [] Not Adopted

House Recommendation is: [X] Adopted [] Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]

House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]

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