

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3290  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
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. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE,"

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:

- (1) Require the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language interpretation services in Hawaii; and
- (2) Require the working group to submit a report to the Legislature with the assistance of the Department of Health.

Your Committee on Conference finds that American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters provide a critical service to deaf, hard of



hearing, deaf-blind, and hearing individuals in the State that wish to effectively communicate with each other in a variety of settings and circumstances. Your Committee on Conference further finds that there remains a critical need to develop an ASL interpreter workforce and to acquire additional information on the state of ASL interpretation services in the State. This measure will provide critical data to ensure greater access for individuals to receive ASL interpretation services in the State during emergencies and daily life activities and address other current and future issues relating to this critical service.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to clarify that no member of the working group shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a member of the working group; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

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. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



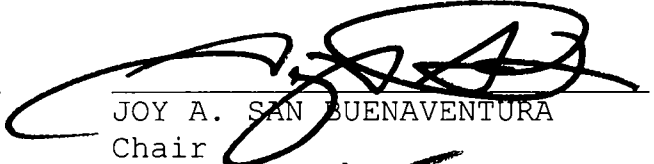
Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



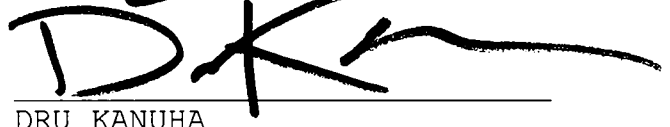
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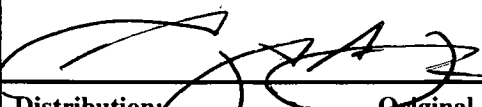
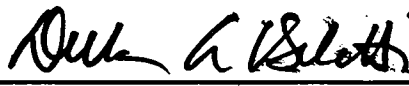
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Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 3290, SD 2, HD 1</b>					Date/Time: <b>4/ 25/24 3:10r</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Chr.	/				BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo, Co-Chr.	/				MARTEN, Lisa, Co-Chr.	/			
AWA, Brenton				/	NISHIMOTO, Scott Y., Co-Chr.	/			
					AMATO, Terez	/			
					GARCIA, Diamond	/			
TOTAL	2	-	-	1	TOTAL	5	-	-	-
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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