

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1101

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 620

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 620, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; and
- (2) Require and appropriate funds to the Department of Education to establish and maintain a braille literacy resource center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Education; and Special Education Advisory Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 620, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>HB 620, HD1</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>EDN, FIN</b> | Date:<br><b>2/26/25</b> |          |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |  |                         |          |          |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |                         |          |          |
| FIN Members   | Ayes                                   | Ayes (WR)               | Nays     | Excused  |
| 1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 4. HOLT, Daniel   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 5. HUSSEY, Ikaika   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 7. KITAGAWA, Lisa   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 8. KUSCH, Matthias  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 10. LEE, Mike   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 12. MORIKAWA, Dee   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann   | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 14. ALCOS III, David  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 15. REYES ODA, Julie  | /                                      |                         |          |          |
| 16. WARD, Gene  |  |                         |          | /        |
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| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted<br>If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br>committee acronym(s)   |  |                         |          |          |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____   |  |                         |          |          |
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