

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

701

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 874
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 874, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to:
 - (A) Develop and implement annual assessments in the Hawaiian language for language arts, mathematics, and science, in accordance with federal accountability assessment requirements, to be administered to Ka Papahana Kaiapuni students; and
 - (B) Prepare and submit a preliminary and final report to the Legislature on the status of the procedures the Department is establishing for the development and administration of assessments in the Hawaiian language; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the development and administration of annual assessments in the Hawaiian language.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Kamehameha Schools, Laboratory School Program of Ka Haka 'Ula O

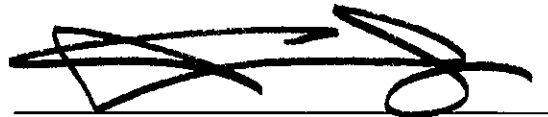
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Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, King Kamehameha HCC, Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club, 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Keaukaha Community Association, Kawaikini NCPCS, and several individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education and one individual provided comments.

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. 874, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



