

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2055

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2698

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2698 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT INFORMED CONSENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require public schools to offer students educational alternatives to the dissection and vivisection of animals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Humane Society of the United States, Good Shepherd Foundation, Animalearn, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

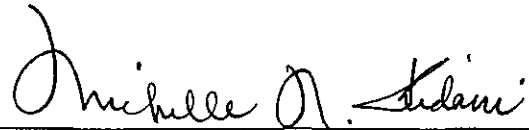
Your Committee finds that dissections and vivisections are a well-established part of many biology class curricula, but that some students have ethical, moral, or religious objections to those practices. Advancements in computer software and other technologies have made it possible for schools to achieve the educational objectives met by dissections and vivisections while still respecting the positions and convictions of students regarding the humane treatment of animals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2698, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2698, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

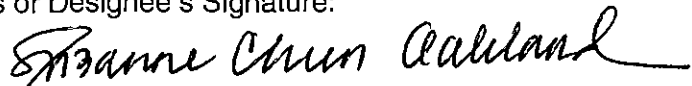


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2698	Committee Referral: EDU, JDL	Date: 2/1/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes