

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 5**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2685  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2685 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Education Office of Hawaiian Education to continue to implement a Hawaiian studies program at the three elementary schools with the largest populations of native Hawaiian students.

Papa Ola Lokahi, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Kamehameha Schools, and three individuals testified in support of this measure. Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies opposed this measure. The Department of Education commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

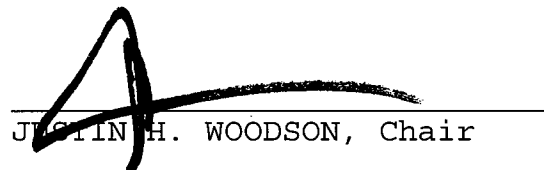
- (1) Specifying that the appropriation shall be expended to continue the Hawaiian studies program in public schools as determined by the Office of Hawaiian Education and as allocated by the Office;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2025, to facilitate further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2685, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



