

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2099

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2520

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2520 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for behavior analysis services performed by licensed behavior analysts for public school students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis, IMUAlliance, Autism Behavior Consulting Group Hawaii, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Psychological Association and four individuals.

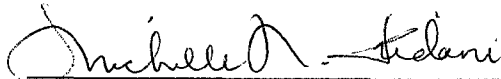
Your Committee finds that behavior analysis is the scientific study of principles of learning and behavior. The practice of behavior analysis includes the empirical identification of functional relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional assessment and analysis, as well as the use of contextual factors, motivating operations, antecedent stimuli, positive reinforcement, and other consequences to help people develop new behaviors, increase or decrease existing behaviors, and emit behaviors under specific environmental conditions.



Because of the overall benefits of behavior analysis, many students enrolled in public schools would benefit from the expansion of behavior analysis services throughout Hawaii's public school system, including but not limited to students with autism disorders.

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. 2520 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2520</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>1/31/2018</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312    2311    2310    2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>				
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