

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1529
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT JOURNALISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Student Free Expression Act to allow student journalists at public schools to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Publishers Association, Hawaii Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Student Press Law Center, All Hawaii News, and fifteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

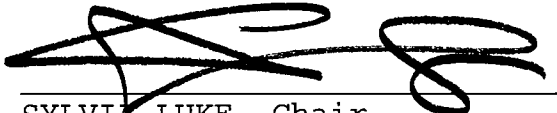
- (1) Clarifying that the Hawaii Student Free Expression Act shall not be construed to protect expression that constitutes hate speech or promotes illegal activities; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1529, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



