

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 538, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Specifically, this measure:

(1) Clarifies the intent for a state law counterpart for disability discrimination in federally funded programs and services; and

(2) Excludes jurisdiction over programs or activities that are covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii's Civil Rights Commission, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

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 S.B. No. 538, 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