

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2551  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the rights, privileges, and benefits of civil service employees of New Century Conversion Charter Schools by:

- (1) Including them in the Department of Education (DOE) human resources system; and
- (2) Providing for their uninterrupted civil service status when transferred, promoted, or taking a voluntary demotion to another civil service position.

The Board of Education, Department of Human Resources Development, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hookakoo Corporation, and the principals of Kualapuu School and Waimea Middle School supported this bill. DOE and the Charter School Administrative Office supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees Association submitted comments.

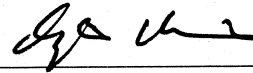


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing that civil service exempt employees, as defined in section 76-16(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, of New Century Conversion Charter School retain their status in DOE's human resources civil service system for support services personnel and are entitled to all rights and benefits of civil service employees employed by DOE;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for 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. 2551, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 2.

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



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DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



