

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2743
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2743, 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 revitalize school facilities statewide and to more effectively and efficiently use our taxpayers' investment in public education. Specifically, this bill provides for the timely construction, expansion, consolidation, or closure of public schools in Hawaii through an objective and transparent process that:

- (1) Includes the establishment of a Facilities Alignment Commission (Commission) that shall:
 - (a) Establish criteria for the selection of public schools to be constructed, expanded, consolidated, or closed; and
 - (b) Recommend, based upon these criteria, a list of areas for new school construction, and of schools for expansion, consolidation, or closure, that is subject to the review of the Legislature;
- (2) Directs the Board of Education to proceed with the process of constructing, expanding, consolidating, or



closing schools according to the recommendations of the Commission; and

(3) Appropriates funds for the expenses of the Commission.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association and First Hawaiian Bank supported the intent of this measure. The Land Use Commission offered comments.

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. 2743, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

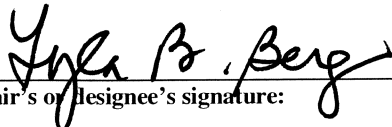
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2743 HD1 (HSCR 260-06)		Date: 2-13-2006		
Committee Referral: EDN, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. (VC)	✓			
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	✓			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.				✓
6. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	✓			
7. HALE, Heléne H.	✓			
8. HARBIN, Bev				✓
9. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo				✓
10. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
11. WATERS, Tommy	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
TOTAL	10			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
 Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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