

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3258
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 Committees on Education and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3258 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to foster international and cross-cultural understanding by directing the Department of Education (DOE), in consultation with a variety of other organizations, to develop and implement a Student-and-Faculty Exchange Program (Program) between Hawaii and the Philippines.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DOE supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees respectfully request DOE to consider hiring a contractor to develop and implement the Program, in light of the fact that with the implementation of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, more DOE resources are going directly to the schools for direct services to students in the classroom.

Your Committees recognize that the success of such a program will depend heavily on support from community organizations, and therefore encourage community organizations to step forward to assist in the establishment of the Program.

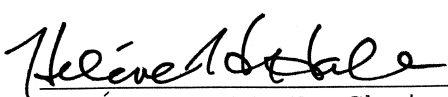


Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding an appropriation to fund the development and implementation of the Program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3258, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3258, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and International Affairs,



HELÈNE H. HALE, Chair



ROY TAKUMI, Chair

