

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2652
S.D. 2
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 Labor & Public Employment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to confer the same rights,
privileges, and benefits of civil service and exempt civil service
employees in the Department of Education (DOE) to civil service
and exempt civil service employees, respectively, of new century
conversion charter schools.

DOE and Waimea Middle School testified in support of this
bill. The Department of Human Resources Development, Hawaii
Government Employees Association, and Hookakoo Corporation
supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:


- (1) Clarifying that the same rights, privileges, and
benefits of exempt civil service employees employed by
DOE will be extended to exempt civil service employees
of both new century charter schools and new century
conversion charter schools;



- (2) Clarifying that an employee with civil service status at a new century conversion charter school who takes a voluntary demotion to another civil service position within DOE shall also be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of continuous, uninterrupted civil service; 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 Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment,


KIRK CALDWELL, Chair


ROY TAKUMI, Chair

