

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2979

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2006
RE: H.B. No. 2347

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2347 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDENT TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued operation of the Department of Education student transportation program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education (DOE).

Your Committee finds that the families of 40,000 regular education and 3,500 special needs students statewide rely on the DOE transportation system, and sufficient funds must be made available in the current fiscal year for the DOE to continue to operate the system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2347, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Military Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



