

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2732
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2732, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLIND PERSONS' AND LITERACY RIGHTS AND EDUCATION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the individualized education program of each blind or visually impaired child includes provisions for instruction in braille.

Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to ensure the economic well-being of the blind and visually impaired.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the individualized education program to specify the length of period of instruction and the frequency and duration of a typical instructional session;
- (2) Changing the certification standards for teacher proficiency in braille to those adopted by the National Library Science for the Blind and Physically Handicapped;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2007; and



- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2732, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2732, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2732 SD1	Committee Referral: EDM, WAM	Date: 2/23/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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