

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2886
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. 2886, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a means by which veterans who were drafted and certain persons affected by wartime practices may obtain a high school diploma.

Specifically, the measure directs the Department of Education to establish a program to award graduate equivalency diplomas to military veterans drafted during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War, as well as individuals whose schooling was interrupted due to wartime practices such as Japanese and Japanese-American internees during World War II.

Your Committee finds that establishing a program to provide these diplomas to resident veterans is long overdue and reflects the appreciation, respect, and recognition owed to these veterans.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Including language to cover the fact that Hawaii was a territory during World War II;
- (2) Clarifying that only those internees who were interned for reason of their ethnicity qualify for the program; and



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

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. 2886, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2886, 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:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2886 SD1	EDM, WAM	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.	/	
INOUE, Lorraine R.		/
KANNO, Brian		/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.		/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/	
HEMMINGS, Fred	/	
SLOM, Sam	/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon		/
TOTAL	10	0
		1
		4
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
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