

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2497

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2905
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and
Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2905 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for
transportation services for students attending Ke Kula Kaiapuni
Hawaii o Kapaa on Kauai.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education and twenty individuals.

Your Committees find that the Hawaiian immersion school
attendance is growing exponentially and that support is necessary
to continue the schools' methods of preserving Hawaiian culture.
Your Committees further find that the Department of Education may
partner with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) so that each may
provide up to fifty percent of the yearly cost of the
transportation services described in this measure, provided that
the total yearly expenditure shall not exceed \$75,000.

The measure is being amended to reflect the financial
partnership with OHA that its Legal Advocate provisionally agreed
to at the public hearing for this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your
Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Judiciary and

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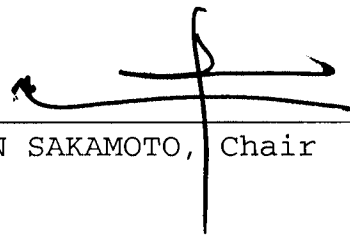


Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2905, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2905, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Military Affairs and Judiciary
and Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



