

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3102
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. 3102, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the student-teacher ratio in public schools and provide additional teachers and staff in specialty areas.

Specifically, the bill requires a reduction in the ratio of students to teachers in grades one to five; grades six to eight; and grades nine to twelve. The Department of Education is directed to support class size reduction by providing additional staff in specialty areas where necessary or appropriate. Finally, the bill appropriates \$27,202,000 to phase in class size reduction beginning in school year 2006-2007, including hiring teachers and staff to implement the bill.

Your Committee finds that this bill is intended to provide additional staff for art, music, physical education, gifted and talented, technology, and other specialty areas. In addition, the hiring of more teachers, tutors, counselors, librarians, resource teachers, and other staff as necessary is mandated. The additional teachers and support staff mandated by the bill will permit smaller classes where the needs of each child may be more carefully monitored and the work environments of teachers and staff will be improved.



Your Committee has amended the bill by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount to promote continuing discussion on the matter; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes 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. 3102, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3102, 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 3102 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.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
KANNO, Brian	/			/ ST
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/ ST		/	
SLOM, Sam	/ ST		/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/ ST		/	
TOTAL	9	0	3	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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