

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1136
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1136, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure adequate funding for public school students and to increase the efficiency of operations within the school complex areas. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates funds to augment the funds provided under weighted student formula (WSF) allocations for the educational needs of certain disadvantaged students;
- (2) Authorizes and appropriates funds for complex area superintendents to provide support to school administrators, school community councils, staff, and teachers in the form of training, expertise, and materials necessary for schools to fulfill their responsibilities; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for junior kindergarten classes with fifteen or fewer students, with priority for underachieving schools and schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunches.



The Department of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions related to augmenting the funds provided under WSF allocations for the educational needs of certain disadvantaged students;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation of funds for junior kindergarten classes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1136, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1136, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



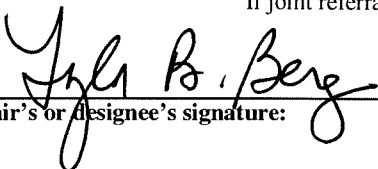
ROY TAKUMI, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1136 SD2		Date: 3-14-07		
Committee Referral: EDN, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. (VC)	✓			
3. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
9. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			WFB
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn		✓		
TOTAL	11	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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