

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

449

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1820

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1820 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Education to enter into financing agreements without the approval of the Director of Budget and Finance or the Comptroller, and to create a separate account within the State Education Facilities Improvements Special Fund to be called the Lease Payments for Schools Account.

The Director and the President of the Kihei Community Association, and one individual submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Education submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that public schools in Hawaii are suffering from severe overcrowding, which negatively impacts the learning potential of students. An alternate way of financing new school projects without using general obligation bonds needs to be implemented. Partnerships between public schools and private developers are a cost-effective and timely way to finance new school construction to help alleviate overcrowding.

This measure will provide the Board of Education with more autonomy in the acquisition of new school design and construction

2007-1821 SSCR SMA.doc



projects by establishing a separate account that is subject to legislative approval for the payment of lease-purchase agreements.

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. 1820 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
 Committee on Education
 EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1820	EDU, WARR	02/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
Original File with Committee Report	Yellow Clerk's Office	Pink Drafting Agency		

*Only one measure per Record of Votes