

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2457

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2457 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Allow the principal of each public school to establish and use a debit card system based at the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related curriculum supplies; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the implementation of such debit card system.

The representative from the 27th representative district and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii State Teachers Association supported the intent this measure. The Department of Education opposed this bill.

Your Committee finds that whether a debit card system or some other system is implemented, there should be a mechanism in place for teachers to pay for much-needed classroom supplies, rather than out of their own pockets.



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 H.B. No. 2457 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



HSCR 141-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2457	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 1-30-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
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.				✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
TOTAL (13)	8			5
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: <u><i>Lyla B. Berg</i></u>				
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