

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 26
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 Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 26 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to compensate the members of the Board of Education (BOE) for their time and efforts in executing their responsibilities and duties by establishing and appropriating funds for:

- (1) Salaries; and
- (2) Protocol allowances to cover expenses incurred in the course of their work.

BOE and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) did not support this measure.

The scope and level of responsibilities of the BOE appears to merit compensation for its members based on a salary. However, your Committee understands the concerns raised by B&F and respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to further review the fiscal impact this bill may have on the State budget.



Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2059, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 26, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 26, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



