

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 204 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2972
H.D. 1

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. 2972 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to revitalize school facilities statewide and to more effectively and efficiently use our taxpayers' investment in public education. Specifically, this bill provides for the timely construction, expansion, consolidation, or closure of public schools in Hawaii through an objective and transparent process that:

- (1) Includes the establishment of a Facilities Alignment Commission (Commission) that will:
 - (A) Establish criteria for the selection of public schools to be constructed, expanded, consolidated, or closed; and
 - (B) Recommend a list of areas for new school construction, and of schools for expansion, consolidation, or closure, subject to the review of the legislature;

and



- (2) Directs the Board of Education to proceed with the process of constructing, expanding, consolidating, or closing underused schools according to the recommendations of the Commission, if the legislature does not disapprove of the recommendations in their entirety.

The Department of Budget and Finance testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education (DOE) opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the specification that the facilities plan prepared by DOE include 30-year projections; and
- (2) 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 H.B. No. 2972, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2972, 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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2972	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2-1-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)	9			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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