

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1881 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj 11, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 62  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ONLY PURCHASE OR LEASE LARGE SCHOOL BUSES THAT HAVE AN OPERABLE SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY AT ALL DESIGNATED SEATING POSITIONS AND SEAT BACKS THAT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR INCHES IN HEIGHT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to urge the Board of Education to only purchase or lease large school buses that have an operable seat belt assembly at all designated seating positions and have seat backs that are at least twenty-four inches in height in order to augment the safety of school buses in the State.

Numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this resolution. The Department of Education offered comments on this resolution.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

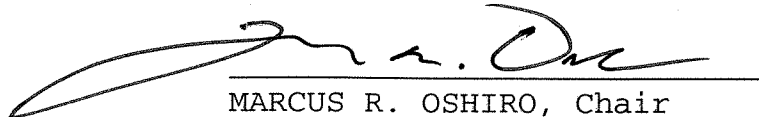
- (1) Changing its title to "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELT POLICIES AND COMPILE DATA RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS."
- (2) Deleting the recommendation that the Board of Education only purchase or lease large school buses that have an

operable seat belt assembly at all designated seating positions and have seat backs that are at least twenty-four inches in height.

- (3) Deleting the recommendation that the Board of Education adopt rules requiring the use of these seat belt assemblies and take disciplinary against students in violation.
- (4) Adding the recommendation that the Board of Education compile and analyze data on all school bus accidents in the State in the past five years taking into account injuries sustained and costs to DOE.
- (5) Adding the recommendation that the Board of Education review and analyze DOE's current policy toward seat belt use on school buses.
- (6) Adding the recommendation that the DOE submit a report to the Legislature regarding issues related to seat belt use prior to the regular session of 2009.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 62, H.D. 2.

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

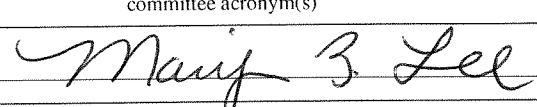


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HR 62, HD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 4-9-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>FIN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. BROWER, Tom	✓			
6. CARROLL, Mele				✓
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				✓
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
11. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
12. MIZUNO, John	✓			
13. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
14. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (19)</b>	14	0	0	5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> 				
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