

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2252

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2728
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2728 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for the establishment of off-ratio teacher positions at schools with Hawaiian Language Immersion Programs in need of additional supplemental teaching positions.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Department of Education, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and thirty-three individuals.

Your Committees find that Hawaiian Language Immersion Programs in the public schools help to fulfill the State's constitutional mandate to promote the study of Hawaiian language, culture, and history. These programs provide students with an invaluable opportunity to excel in general content areas while learning Hawaiian, which is an official language of the State. This measure provides funding for necessary off-ratio positions in schools with Hawaiian Language Immersion Programs that are not receiving adequate funding under the weighted student formula as a result of lower student enrollment and a lack of justification for regular position allocations. Your Committees believe that this funding is essential to the preservation and perpetuation of the Hawaiian language and culture for present and future generations.

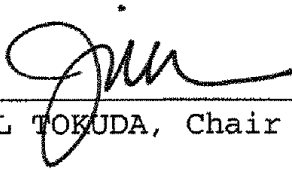
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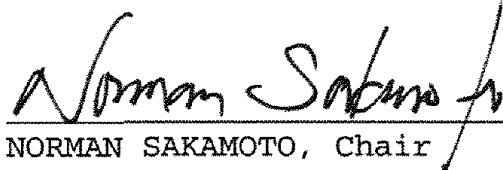
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2728, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2728, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Agriculture and Hawaiian
Affairs,



JILL TOKUDA, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
 Committee on Education
 EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2728	Committee Referral: EDU/AHW. WAM	Date: 2/8/08		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	5	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

