

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 886  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 886 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS MANAGERS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the  
establishment of business managers for each school complex area  
within the Department of Education.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Education (DOE), the Hawaii State Teachers  
Association, and the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that schools, complexes, and complex  
areas are becoming increasingly responsible for added financial  
responsibilities that require specialized knowledge in finance and  
business management. The fulfillment of these duties often  
detracts the focus from the conventional concerns of a school,  
including the curriculum and the promotion of student achievement.  
According to the DOE, the business and district fiscal officer  
positions that may have been helpful in assisting the schools,  
complexes, and complex areas in addressing financial issues no  
longer exist. Your Committee further finds that with the advent  
of the weighted student formula, and the increased control  
provided to school administrators, the assistance of highly  
qualified individuals with business backgrounds will empower the



schools, complexes, and complex areas to more efficiently and effectively manage their finances and operations.


Your Committee determines that the duties of the complex area business managers should remain within the purview of the DOE and should reflect those duties that are specified in the purpose section of the measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references in the law to district and business fiscal officer positions within the DOE, as the positions no longer exist;
- (2) Specifying that the powers and duties of the complex area business managers shall be as prescribed by the DOE; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity 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 S.B. No. 886, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 886, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
 Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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