

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 18

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 176

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 176 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance the safety of children on school buses by:

- (1) Requiring all school buses imported into the state after June 30, 2010, to be equipped with seat belt assemblies at all designated seating positions;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to require students to use seat belt assemblies on school buses; and
- (3) Requiring bus contractors to equip every existing school bus with lap and shoulder seat belt assemblies at all designated seating positions by July 1, 2020.

The Department of Education testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii School Bus Association opposed this measure.

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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. 176 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



