

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2009

RE: S.B. No. 798

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 798 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to codify the selection of the student member of the Board of Education in statute and clarify that the Board of Education may determine any restrictions on actions taken by the student member.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency and five individuals. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee has also heard and adopted a related measure, S.B. No. 799, which proposes a constitutional amendment to clarify the selection of the student member of the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that the student member of the Board of Education brings valuable perspective and insights regarding the day-to-day educational needs, experiences, and concerns of students in Board discussions. In addition, the Board has indicated that this input and perspective is critical in the development and implementation of sound educational policies.

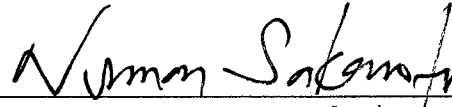
Your Committee believes that approval of a voting student member of the Board of Education is long overdue, and would bring Hawaii in line with several states, such as California, Maryland,



Massachusetts, and Vermont, which have granted voting rights to their student members.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 798 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Education and Housing**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 798</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH, JGO</b>	Date: <b>2-13-09</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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