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AMENDMENT TO: H.B. NO. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, RELATING TO EDUCATION
REPRESENTATIVES

OFFERED BY: Representative Joseph M. Souki *JMS*

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SECTION 1. H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, RELATING TO EDUCATION, is amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, stated, "Ultimately all education reform must be driven by the needs of students. Students are the primary clients served by the public education system and they must be served well by providing them with access to the tools they need to succeed, a nurturing environment conducive to learning, and supplementary opportunities for growth that facilitate their development.

Accordingly, especially in light of the instructional hours lost due to furloughs, the purpose of this Act is to require the phase-in of implementation of a certain number of student instructional hours at all public schools, except charter schools, as follows:

- (1) Part II requires the department of education to maximize the amount of student instructional hours provided to students under relevant collective

bargaining agreements in effect during the 2010-2011 school year;

- (2) Part III requires the establishment of a certain number of student instructional hours per school year for elementary and secondary school grades, for the 2011-2013 school years, and for the 2013-2015 school years;
- (3) Part IV requires the department of education to, with the board of education and Office of the Governor, and in consultation with representatives of the affected collective bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2012 regular session, a plan to provide students with a higher number of student instructional hours per school year for elementary and secondary school grades, for future school years; and
- (4) Part V requires the department of education to provide suitable transportation to and from school and for educational field trips for all children in grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education classes, and also requires the department to consider pick-up and drop-off times that optimize its transportation services while minimizing costs to the State, if implementation of such student instructional

hours results in varying schedules for the transportation of students."

SECTION 2. H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, RELATING TO EDUCATION, is amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:

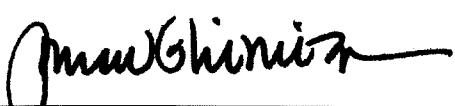
"SECTION 5. Section 302A-406, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The department [~~may~~] shall provide suitable transportation to and from school and for educational field trips for all children in grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education classes. The department shall adopt such policy, procedure, and program as it deems necessary to provide suitable transportation. In formulating the policy, procedure, and program, the department shall consider ~~the school district;~~ the school attendance area in which a school child normally resides; the distance the school child lives from the school; the availability of public carriers or other means of transportation; the frequency, regularity, and availability of public transportation; and the grade level, physical handicap, or special learning disability of a school child, and it may also consider such conditions and circumstances unique or peculiar to a county or area. If the implementation of student instructional hours pursuant to section 302A- results in varying schedules for the transportation of students, the

department shall consider pick-up and drop-off times that
optimize the department's transportation services while
minimizing costs to the State."

SECTION 3. H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, RELATING TO EDUCATION, is amended by amending section 7 to read as follows:

"SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored."

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