

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 20, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2077
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2077, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the age limits for high school by:

- (1) Providing that no person who is 20 years of age or over on the first instructional day of the school year is eligible to attend a public school; provided that if a person reaches 20 years of age after the first instructional day of the school year, that person is eligible to attend public school for the full school year; and



- (2) Repealing the authority of the Superintendent of Education to grant exceptions for individual cases.

Your Committee on Conference is concerned that laws and practices should not extend an age limit for general education and special education students to enter public schools merely for the sake of allowing them to remain in school for a longer period of time. However, noting the significant effects of discontinuing special education services for the students served through them, your Committee on Conference suggests that:

- (1) The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meet with other stakeholders during the interim to discuss a transition plan for special education students moving out of the public education system; and
- (2) SEAC, after taking into consideration its discussions with the other stakeholders, submit its recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2010.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2077, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2077, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



