

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2376  
H.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the accountability of Hawaii's public education system by proposing a constitutional amendment to Article X, Section 2, of the Hawaii Constitution, to require the members of the Board of Education (BOE) to be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointed by the Governor, as provided by law.

The Representative from the 36<sup>th</sup> District, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hawaii's Children First, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. BOE, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Governor's Administration; Hawaii Government Employees' Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and a concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

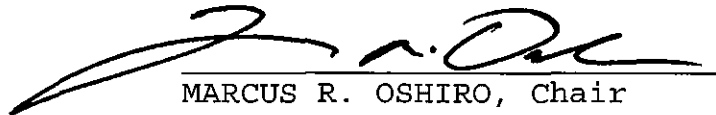
- (1) Removing the constitutional provision for the nonvoting student member of BOE;



- (2) Clarifying the question to be printed on the ballot to read, "Shall the members of the board of education be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the governor, as provided by law?"; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 3.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



