

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2377  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the accountability of Hawaii's public education system by requiring 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 from lists of qualified candidates presented to the Governor by the Board of Education Selection Advisory Council (Council).

The Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hawaii's Children First, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and Searider Productions testified in support of this bill. The Board of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association opposed this measure. The Hawaii Government Employees' Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Specifying that all employees currently serving on BOE, with the exception of BOE's executive director, shall continue to be employees of the Department of Education (DOE) even after the institution of the appointment process for BOE members;



- (2) Specifying that BOE's executive director shall no longer be a DOE employee and shall serve at BOE's pleasure;
- (3) Changing the effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 2.

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

  
JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



