

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2806

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2486  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Housing and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a minimum number of instructional hours per school year for each grade from kindergarten to grade twelve beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency, one private organization, and ten individuals. One state agency, four organizations, and two individuals support the intent of this measure. Comments were submitted by one private organization. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

The scheduled loss of seventeen instructional days for the 2009-2010 school year makes Hawaii the state with the fewest number of instructional days in the nation. Establishing a minimum number of instructional days and hours per school year requires students to be in the classroom more often, increasing their opportunities for learning through contact with instructors.

Your Committees have considered information on instructional time in various countries and states and is cognizant of the additional financial burden on the Department of Education and the

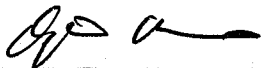


State in mandating additional instructional time. Your Committees have weighed the above considerations in making the following amendments to this measure:

- (1) Amending the mandatory minimum of instructional time for kindergarten to grade six to be 180 days at 6 hours per day, for a total of 1,080 instructional hours per school year;
- (2) Amending the mandatory minimum of instructional time for grades seven to twelve to be 180 days at 6.5 hours per day, for a total of 1,170 instructional hours per school year;
- (3) By directing the Department of Education to consider pick-up and drop-off times that optimize the Department's transportation services while minimizing costs to the State if the implementation of the mandatory minimum instructional hours results in varying schedules for the transportation of students; and
- (4) By making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Housing and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Housing and Labor,



DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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**Committee on Education and Housing**  
**EDH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2480 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH/LBR, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-15-10</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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**LBR**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB2486 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH/LBR, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/16/10</b>		
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
HEE, Clayton				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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