

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2142

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2452
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require 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.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by five private organizations and one individual. One state agency expressed concerns with this measure. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that student transportation is a crucial factor in school attendance, especially for homeless and low-income families, which has a significant impact on classroom learning.

Your Committee has heard the concerns of the Department of Education that if the measure expands the Department's current responsibility for student transportation, additional funds would be required. Your Committee also recognizes the fiscal challenge of providing school transportation for students to and from all schools and all educational field trips. Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

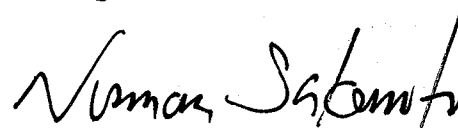
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- (1) Inserting the portions of S.B. No. 2789 that increase the state fuel tax to provide funding for or subsidize the cost of student transportation, with the amount of the tax increase left unspecified for determination by the Committee on Ways and Means;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Education to provide suitable transportation to and from school for children in kindergarten to grade twelve or in special education classes, who attend public schools except public schools located within the Honolulu department district; and
- (3) Allowing the Department of Education to provide suitable transportation to and from school and for educational field trips for all children in kindergarten to grade twelve or in special education classes, subject to the availability of funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2452, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2452, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Housing,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2452	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2-3-2010		
<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				✓
TOTAL	4			2
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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