

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2582

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2452
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2452, S.D. 1, 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 increase the state fuel tax, and to direct a portion of the state fuel tax for deposit into the school transportation revolving fund.

This measure also requires the Department of Education to provide or subsidize suitable transportation for public school children in grades kindergarten to twelve or in special education classes to and from any public school except a public school within the Honolulu department district. Furthermore, this measure allows the Department of Education to provide or subsidize transportation to and from school for all children in grades kindergarten to twelve or in special education classes statewide for educational field trips with any remaining moneys in the school transportation revolving fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Gomes School Bus Service. Comments in opposition were received from the Department of Taxation. Capitol Consultants of Hawaii offered comments. Written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.



Your Committee finds that while providing or subsidizing the cost of transportation for all children statewide in kindergarten to grade twelve or in special education classes for educational field trips is commendable, increasing the state fuel tax during the current economic and financial crises to achieve this goal is unwise.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions to increase fuel taxes;
- (2) Deleting provisions to deposit a portion of the fuel taxes into the school transportation revolving fund;
- (3) Deleting provisions requiring remaining funds in the school transportation revolving fund to be used to subsidize educational field trips; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2452, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2452, S.D. 2.

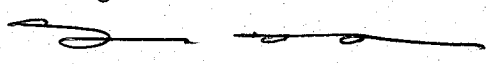
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2452, SDI	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2.24.10		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	11	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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