

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2470
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATION TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that students have a sufficient amount of classroom time, especially in light of the instructional days lost due to furloughs, by establishing a minimum of 200 days of classroom instruction, or an equivalent number of instructional hours, per school year for public schools, including charter schools.

The Department of Education, Hookakoo Corporation, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. A concerned individual supported this bill with amendments. The Hawaii Government Employees' Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and several concerned individuals supported the intent of this measure. The Charter School Administrative Office and Hawaii State Teachers Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by replacing its contents with the language of H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2. As amended, this bill establishes a minimum number of instructional hours per school year, which varies by grade level, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.



Your Committee has further amended this bill by:

- (1) Excluding charter schools from the minimum requirement;
- (2) Inserting a definition of "instructional hours"; and
- (3) Inserting purpose language.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



