

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2324

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2567  
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. 2567 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to use standards-based curriculum that include teaching materials that are consistent with the federal government's Race to the Top fund selection criteria; and
- (2) Require the Department to report to the Legislature recommendations for the establishment of consistent curricula and assessments and methods of optimizing economies of scale in the purchase of teaching materials for military students who are transitioning to Hawaii schools.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure increases the State's competitiveness for grants such as the federal Race to the Top Program. Your Committee also finds that the State educates many students from military families and that setting standards and



assessments for statewide curriculum may improve the State's ability to provide a quality education to these students.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has decided to amend this measure as follows:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to approve one set of teaching materials that are consistent with the federal government's Race to the Top fund selection criteria for standards and assessments;
- (2) Requiring that the teaching materials approved by the Department of Education be a standard set of teaching materials used by all public schools, except upon the approval of a waiver by the Department;
- (3) Requiring the Department's standards-based curriculum to include the set of teaching materials; and
- (4) Requiring the Department of Education to initiate a collaborative effort with the Joint Venture Education Forum and the Department of Defense Education Activity toward the selection and approval of the standard set of teaching materials to facilitate the transition of military students who are transferring into Hawaii public schools.

These amendments should increase savings to the State arising out of economies of scale, allow negotiations relating to professional development to include the standard teaching materials, and facilitate the transition of both teachers and students transferring into or between schools in Hawaii's public school system.

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. 2567, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2567, 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,

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2567</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-10-10</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>6</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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