

HB945

HD2

Date: 03/23/2011

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0945,HD2 (Proposed SD1) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Delays the required increases and plan for increases in instructional time pursuant to section 302A-251, HRS, and section 4 of Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. Includes reporting requirements.

Department's Position: The Department supports the proposed SD1 for HB 945 HD 2 relating to Education. The draft proposes to delay the implementation of Act 167 by two years.

The Department is committed to meeting the requirements of Act 167 for increased instructional days and time. However due to the new economic realities for the State, the Department will face significant fiscal limitations.

With reductions to the Department's budget of \$55 million per year in the House draft of the biennial state budget and further anticipated reductions as a result of another forecast from the Council on Revenues and the impact of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, it is doubtful that the Department will be appropriated the additional funding that Act 167 will require.

The additional work time required by Act 167 will require additional funding for either compensation for more time spent in instruction or for additional teachers to provide additional instruction during a lengthened school day and year.

The Department will work with the parties set forth in paragraph (e) on page 2 to report to the Legislature progress made toward implementing the requirements of Act 167.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 945, H.D. 2, PROPOSED S.D. 1

March 23, 2011

RELATING TO EDUCATION

House Bill No. 945, H.D. 2, Proposed S.D. 1, postpones implementation of Act 167, SLH 2010, from School Year 2011-12 to School Year 2014-15. Act 167 mandates minimum instructional times in public schools starting in School Year 2011-12.

The Department of Budget and Finance strongly supports the Proposed S.D. 1.

Collective bargaining is currently underway between the State, the Hawaii State Teachers Association, United Public Workers, and Hawaii Government Employees Association. One of the issues affecting negotiations regarding employees of the Department of Education is the impact of implementation of Act 167.

As you are aware, labor savings is currently factored into the Administration's approach to balancing the general fund financial plan. In order to achieve those savings, some form of relief from Act 167 is necessary because it is unrealistic to expect that labor savings can be negotiated while at the same time increasing work requirements.

Given the State's fiscal condition, we simply do not have the means to implement Act 167 at the present time.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

RE: HB 945, HD2, SD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION.

March 23, 2011

**WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports HB 945, HD2, SD1, as amended which supports the re-examination of what constitutes instructional hours and implementation date to begin in school year 2018-2019.

Because of these tough economic times and the numerous federal mandates befalling Education, HSTA feels it is most prudent to re-examine the feasibility for all schools to comply with the additional school days and instructional time hours as stated in this bill. Furthermore, we also support extending the implementation date to school year 2018-2019. This allows for careful planning to be sure we have our students' best interests in mind.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIFIER: Melanie Bailey
Kathy Bryant

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Attn: Committee on Education
Senator Tokuda, Chair
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair

Re: HB945 Relating to Education, Multi-Track
Hearing Date March 23, 2011 1:15pm

We are in OPPOSITION to the current draft of HB945, which authorizes a decrease of instructional time for children in multi-track schools of up to 10%. We support an exemption to the 180 days if the instructional time stated in Act 167 is still required.

There are many other states with multi-track schools and they do not allow a decrease in instructional time from what is legislated. They have found a way to fit in 180 days or lengthened the school day. Many parents at Hawaii's multi-track schools want 180 days. They have been assured the length of the school day will be increased to make up the instructional time.

Since most of us are in agreement that 171 days is a viable exception we must begin to look at how to achieve the instructional time. The Complex Area Superintendent has testified that the schools CAN meet the instructional time for the 2011-2013 school years (Phase One). This is an increase for multi-track students of 16 minutes for elementary students and 17 minutes for secondary students:

| <u>Instructional Time</u> | <u>Traditional-180 days</u> | <u>Track-171 days</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Elementary School | 5 hours 5 minutes a day | 5 hours 21 minutes a day |
| Secondary School | 5 hours 30 minutes a day | 5 hours 47 minutes a day |

School Day with Lunch, Recess, and Passing time (shorter on teacher collaboration days)

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| Elementary School | 6 hours 30 minutes a day | 8:00am-2:30pm |
| Secondary School | 7 hours 15 minutes a day | 7:45am-3:00pm |

These hours are comparable to private schools around the island and public schools on the mainland.

Phase Two of Act 167 will be a new HSTA contract with a new Board of Education, experience with Race to the Top funding, and two additional years with increased instructional time. In 2013, we should reevaluate Act 167, and discuss any necessary modifications at that time.

As we look at Race to the Top, one of the goals is to increase instructional time to improve educational outcome in students (SB1171). We can not, in the same session, decrease instructional time for another set of students.

Thank you for your consideration.