

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2007  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2007 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help ensure that students receive quality instructional time by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to devise up to four standard bell schedules for each grade level and allowing individual schools the discretion to implement one of the available schedules; and
- (2) Repealing the general requirement that all public schools except charter schools and multi-track public schools include 1080 student instructional hours.

Two concerned individuals supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Education supported this measure with amendments. The Hawaii State Teachers Association and a concerned individual opposed this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to adopt the standard bell schedules for elementary, middle, and high schools, rather than for each grade level;
- (2) Amending the definition of "student instructional time" for additional clarity and specificity; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2007, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair



