

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

660

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1375
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1375 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the unique needs of multi-track schools while maintaining educational standards for Hawaii's students by requiring:

- (1) Multi-track public schools to have school years of at least one hundred seventy-one days or ninety percent of the minimum number of days required of other non-charter public schools, whichever number is greater, and at least ninety percent of the minimum number of student instructional hours; and
- (2) The Department of Education to submit to the Legislature a plan to implement a multi-track school year of at least ninety percent of the number of days and instructional hours required of other non-charter public schools, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Your Committee finds that multi-track schools are distinct from other schools in that groups of students attend the same multi-track school on different schedules as a means of addressing overcrowding. Because of the unique schedules of multi-track schools, the current mandate of one hundred eighty instructional days and minimum instructional hours for all public schools,



beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, imposes an undue hardship on multi-track school students, parents, and staff. Alternative requirements will help ensure that multi-track schools meet their obligations to students under more manageable schedules.

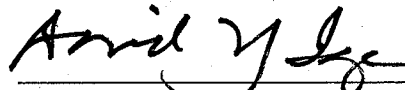
To encourage further discussion, your Committee has amended this measure by changing:

- (1) To unspecified amounts, the percentages of minimum school days and instructional hours required of other non-charter public schools that multi-track schools must implement; and
- (2) The effective date to July 1, 2050.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for purposes 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. 1375, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1375, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1375	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2-25-11		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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