

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1375

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, 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:

- (1) Require multi track public schools to meet at least one hundred seventy-one days or ninety percent of the minimum number of days required of other non-charter public schools for each respective year, whichever number is greater, and at least ninety percent of the minimum number of student instructional hours required of other non-charter public schools for each respective school year; and
- (2) Require the Department of Education to submit to the Legislature a plan to implement a school year for multi track public schools beginning with the 2015-2016 school year of no less than ninety percent of the minimum number of instructional days and hours required of other public schools.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and four individuals. Your Committee received oral testimony in support of this measure from Sherry Pataray and Jocelyn Bonilla, students at Holomua Elementary School. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.



Your Committee finds that the application of the mandatory minimum number of student instructional days and hours per school year established pursuant to Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to multi track public schools would create undue hardship on the students, parents, and staff at these schools. This measure will provide multi track schools with greater flexibility in meeting the minimum student instructional days and hours requirements.

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. 1375 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

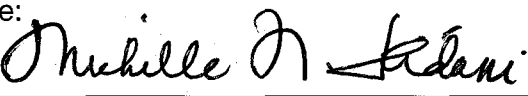


JILL TORUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1375	EDU, WAM	2-11-11
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/ /	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/ /	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/ /	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/ /	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/ /	
SLOM, Sam	/ /	
TOTAL	6	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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