

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2482  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2482 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the public schools science and technology trust fund to facilitate initiatives that promote the learning and teaching of science and technology in public schools; and
- (2) Require the Department of Taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate a specified amount of the taxpayer's income tax refund to be paid to the Hawaii public schools science and technology trust fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, American Statistical Association - Hawaii Chapter, and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that while this measure provides a creative way to allow individuals to support the learning and teaching of science and technology in the State, it also adds the



Hawaii public schools science and technology trust fund to the growing number of programs for which taxpayers may designate a portion of their income tax refund.


As this measure progresses, your Committees urge the Department of Taxation to provide a cost estimate for the implementation of the income tax refund designation proposed by this measure.

Your Committees also note that further discussion is necessary to determine the appropriate entity to oversee the trust fund, as well as which entities will be allowed to utilize trust fund monies.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Economic Development and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2482, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2482, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Economic Development and  
Technology,

  
CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair

  
JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SB2482</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>EDU/EDT, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>2-13-12</b> |          |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                         |          |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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  |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)  | ✓  |                         |          |          |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)   | ✓  |                         |          |          |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne  | ✓  |                         |          |          |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K.   | ✓  |                         |          |          |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T.  | ✓  |                         |          |          |
| SLOM, Sam  |  |                         |          | ✓        |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                         |          |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br><div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>   |  |                         |          |          |
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