

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2535
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, 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 across the State receive quality instructional time by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to develop up to four standard bell schedules for elementary, middle, and high schools and allowing individual schools the discretion to implement one of the available schedules for each grade level;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "student instructional hours"; and
- (3) Repealing the general requirement that all public schools except charter schools and multi-track public schools include 1,080 student instructional hours for the 2016-2018 school years.

The Department of Education and Hui for Excellence in Education supported this bill. IMUAlliance supported this measure with amendments. The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii



Educational Policy Center, and a concerned individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to devise multiple, rather than four, standard bell schedules; and
- (2) 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 S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



