

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2535
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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 multiple 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, Scholastic Scheduling Solutions, and Hui for Excellence in Education supported this measure. The Hawaii State Teachers Association and two concerned individuals

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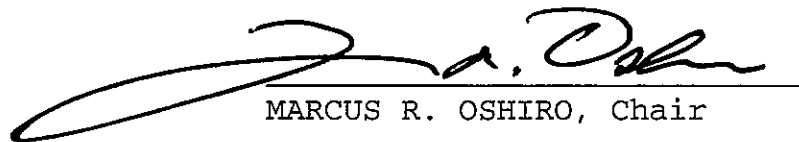
opposed this measure. ImuAlliance and the Hawaii School Bus Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that that the requirement that all public secondary schools, except charter schools and multi-track public schools, must include 990 student instructional hours in the school year will begin with the 2014-2015 school year and apply to subsequent school years;
- (2) Requiring the Board of Education, rather than the Department of Education, to develop the bell schedules required by this measure;
- (3) Requiring the Board to consider additional specified factors that may affect scheduling requirements when developing the bell schedules required by this measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



