

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1551

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1551 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:


The purpose of this measure is to create the Instructional Office of Hawaiian Studies to provide instruction to public school students on Hawaiian history, culture, arts, and language and to oversee Hawaiian education programs in the public schools. This measure also appropriates funds to establish the office.

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ka Lei Pāpahi'o Kākuhihewa, and several individuals supported this measure. The Board of Education, Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs commented on this measure.

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 H.B. No. 1551 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



HSCR 746-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1551	Committee Referral: OMH, EDN, FIN	Date: 2/26/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				/
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/			
17. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (17)	6			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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