

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2410

H.D. 1

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. 2410 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote students' academic success by requiring the Board of Education (Board), in collaboration with stakeholders, to:

- (1) Develop a pilot program, to be implemented by the Department of Education (Department), to assist students enrolled in kindergarten and grades four, eight, and ten to achieve the Common Core State Standards at established annual objective goals;
- (2) Require certain information about each school to be incorporated and maintained on the Department's intranet; and
- (3) Provide on a single webpage on the Department's official website specified information for each public school.

This measure also appropriates \$5,000,000 for the development and implementation of the pilot program and the Department's webpage.



An individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education, IMUAlliance, and Hui for Excellence in Education provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

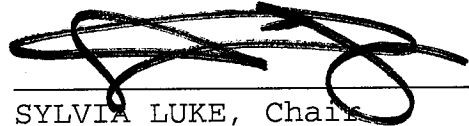
- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Board include on its official website information:
  - (A) About a school's strategy for achieving Common Core State Standards goals and targets; and
  - (B) Concerning perceived obstacles to a school's achievement of the Common Core State Standards;
- (2) Requiring the Department to collaborate with appropriate exclusive bargaining units, rather than with stakeholders it deems necessary, regarding specified information to be incorporated and maintained on its intranet;
- (3) Specifying that the Board shall incorporate and maintain on the Department's intranet an adequate description of general best practices based on the most recent research on how students learn;
- (4) Deleting the requirement that the Board incorporate and maintain on the Department's intranet information regarding teacher-parent communication practices;
- (5) Requiring that the Board include on the Department's intranet a school's strategy for achieving goals and targets with respect to Common Core State Standards;
- (6) Specifying that the pilot program shall be implemented for two school years on Maui beginning with the 2015-2016 school year;
- (7) Specifying that if the Board deems the pilot program to be successful, the pilot program shall be implemented for all schools throughout the State;
- (8) Making the appropriation in an unspecified amount;



- (9) Specifying that funds appropriated and unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse to the credit of the general fund;
- (10) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (11) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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 H.B. No. 2410, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2410, H.D. 1.

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

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



