

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2473
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. 2473 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to raise student academic achievement by establishing the Education Innovation Grant Program within the Department of Education to provide moneys to teachers to implement innovative initiatives in education.

Witt Counseling Service and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Finance, and IMUAlliance commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

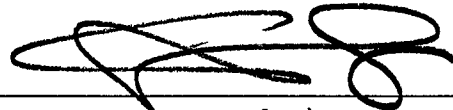
- (1) Making the appropriation in an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2473, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



