

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2139

S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the Board of Education with flexibility to determine appropriate instructional time for public school students.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires all public secondary schools to implement a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student instructional hours beginning with the 2014-2015 school year;
- (2) Repeals the requirement that all public schools implement a school year of one hundred eighty days, including one thousand eighty student instructional hours, beginning with the 2016-2018 school year; and
- (3) Amends the definition of "student instructional hours" to authorize the Board of Education, in consultation with representatives of the appropriate bargaining units, to determine how the term is to be appropriately defined.



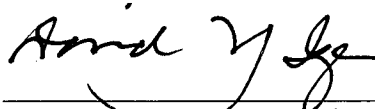
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Educational Policy Center. The Hui for Excellence in Education Coalition submitted written comments in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee recognizes that schools are having a difficult time meeting the current requirement of nine hundred ninety hours of student instructional time. Your Committee finds that increasing the instructional time to one thousand eighty hours would only exacerbate the problem of educators having insufficient time to plan and collaborate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2139 SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-27-14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will		✓		
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓		
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.			✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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