

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 238
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 238 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide additional guidance to the Department of Education by amending the definition of student instructional hours for elementary and secondary schools to include specified activities and all other activities to which a related general learner outcome is attached.

The Department of Education, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Special Education Advisory Council, and IMUA Alliance supported this bill. The Hui for Excellence in Education supported this measure with amendments. The Hawaii State Teachers Association and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. Three concerned individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that statutorily specified student instructional hour requirements are minimum requirements;

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- (2) Narrowing the definition of student instructional hours for secondary schools by removing unspecified activities to which a general learner outcome can be attached; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 238, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 238, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



