

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 239
S.D. 1
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. 239, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the administration of the annual conference of secondary school students by:

- (1) Incorporating the statutory provisions governing the secondary school students conference into Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which contains statutory provisions governing public education;
- (2) Removing the limitation regarding the format the conference must follow and requiring the student conference committee, with guidance from the student conference advisory committee, to recommend the format;
- (3) Removing the statutory requirement that the Governor appoint the members of the student conference committee and instead requiring that the members be selected by the Superintendent of Education and the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, as specified;



- (4) Removing the statutory requirement that the Governor assign one or more staff members to assist with the conduct of the conference;
- (5) Requiring the student conference advisory committee to guide the student conference committee in its duties;
- (6) Removing the statutorily established composition of the advisory committee and requiring instead that the Department of Education maintain guidelines and procedures for its establishment;
- (7) Deleting the three-day time limit on the annual conference of students;
- (8) Requiring the annual conference of students to be subject to program and funding limitations; and
- (9) Removing the statutory requirement for an evaluation of student conference proceedings.

The Department of Education and Hawaii Association of Independent Schools supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

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. 239, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 239, S.D. 1, 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



