

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 239 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, among other things:

- (1) Move the framework for establishing an annual conference of secondary school students from chapter 317, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Remove the Governor's authority to appoint members of the Student Conference Committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Student Council, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Student Conference Committee provides secondary students with the opportunity to learn valuable skills and connect with and learn from other secondary school students. In addition, it provides a forum for secondary students to share their thoughts and concerns on issues that impact their schools and communities.




Your Committee further finds that this measure reflects an improved framework for the Student Conference Committee and the role of the Student Conference Advisory Committee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to specify that the public school members of the Student Conference Committee shall be selected by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee;
- (2) Adding language to specify that members of the Student Conference Committee from schools represented by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools shall be selected by a representative of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of 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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B., No. 239, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB239</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-6-13</b>		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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