

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2739
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2739 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT TRAVEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue to allow students to participate in valuable, enriching educational trips by appropriating funds to support the Department of Education's Student Travel Program.

The Department of Education and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The State Public Charter School Commission submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education's Student Travel Program is intended to provide for the direct travel expenses of department school chaperones and to fund financial-assistance scholarships for department school students who would not otherwise be able to participate in educational travel;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate 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 Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2739, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2739, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



