

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 695

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 759
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 759, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COOLING SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve public school students' learning experience by:

- (1) Requiring and funding a comprehensive study, development of a master strategy, and report by the Department of Education and Department of Accounting and General Services, with the consultation of the State Energy Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii, to implement cooling systems at all public school facilities; and
- (2) Authorizing the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to fund projects that demonstrate efficient methods of cooling classrooms in public schools.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hui for Excellence in Education; and Faith Action for Community Equity provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Business, Economic

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Development, and Tourism; Department of Education; and IMU Alliance provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 759, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



