

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 779

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 866
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 866 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT THE AFTER-SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the After-School Plus (A+) Program.

More specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to:

- (1) Enhance and improve the content of the After-School Plus (A+) Program;
- (2) Develop and implement professional development training for program staff and an evaluation system; and
- (3) Alleviate the financial burden of families whose children attend After-School Plus (A+) Programs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, YMCA of Honolulu, Hawaii Afterschool Alliance, Hui for Excellence in Education Coalition, Moiliili Community Center, Kahoomiki, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that for over twenty-five years, the After-School Plus (A+) Program has provided an avenue for keeping

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upwards of twenty thousand children in a safe and nurturing environment after school until their families return home to care for them. However, the After-School Plus (A+) Program has received less State support in recent years due to the economic recession that began in 2008.

Your Committee also finds that the cost of tuition for one child in the After-School Plus (A+) Program has risen \$60 since the Program's inception. This increase has been a burden on many Hawaii families enrolled in the program. Additionally, the increased State minimum wage will result in increased operating costs for the After-School Plus (A+) Program. Your Committee finds that the After-School Plus (A+) Program should be adequately funded so that it may continue to serve Hawaii's children and their families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the means of financing for the appropriation from general funds to the after-school plus (A+) program revolving fund;
- (2) Changing the amount of the appropriation from \$6,000,000 to \$1,000,000;
- (3) Adding a provision requiring the Department of Education to submit a report to the Legislature detailing the efforts of the Department to address how increases in the state minimum wage will affect the After-School Plus (A+) Program, and any proposals to assist families struggling with the tuition costs of the After-School Plus (A+) Program; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 866, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 866, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

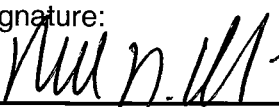


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB846	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/2/15		
<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)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	10	1	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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