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## SENATOR DAVID IGE INTRODUCES BILL TO LENGTHEN PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR

Honolulu - State Senator David Ige (16th senatorial district) has introduced SB 2922, a bill that would lengthen the school year for all public schools in the state beginning with the 2015 school year calendar. If passed, the bill would lengthen the current school year from 180 instructional days to 190 instructional days. The bill also discontinues the requirements for the minimum number of student instructional hours effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

"The legislature is committed to improving our public education system and investing in our youth," Ige said. "It is my hope that a focus on increasing the number of instructional days will provide more flexibility on the school level than the current law allows. I believe that lengthening the instructional days will assist to increase the performance of students in the classroom."

If passed, the bill shall take effect on July 14, 2014.

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