Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 17

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 17 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Provide more time for the collection and analysis of data regarding the weighted student formula (WSF); and
- (2) Provide school communities with a more stable funding basis from which to plan and implement school operations,

by requiring the Committee on Weights (COW) to meet not less than biannually, every odd-numbered year, rather than annually, to review and make any necessary changes to the WSF.

The Department of Education testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii State Teachers Association opposed this bill.

Your Committee wishes to clarify that the intent of this bill is to extend the amount of time between required reviews and subsequent adoption of the WSF: COW shall meet at least once in every odd-numbered year to review the WSF, and the Board of

Education shall meet at least once in every odd-numbered year to adopt the WSF based on the recommendations from COW.

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. 17 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ROY TAKUMI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	1/26/07		
HB 17		126 10+		
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration 			
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	V,			
2. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. (VC)	1	-		
3. BERTRAM, Joe, III				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				V,
5. CHANG, Jerry L.				
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				V,
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	,			V
9. TAKAI, K. Mark	V/			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	V ,			
11. WAKAI, Glenn				
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.		/		
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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