

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2051
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2051, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION FOR FOSTER CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide educational stability to foster children by:

- (1) Establishing guidelines for school placement that are in the best interests of the child;
- (2) Ensuring that foster children receive services comparable to those provided to children who reside in the school district, including transportation services; and
- (3) Appropriating funds to provide transportation services for foster children.

The Department of Education, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure. The Judiciary offered comments.



Your Committee recognizes that this measure could have a large fiscal impact on the State, and defers to the Committee on Finance in this regard.

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. 2051, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 283-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2051, HD1	Committee Referral: HSH, EDN, FIN	Date: 7/6/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. (VC)	✓			
3. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
TOTAL (13)	8			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lyla B. Berg</i>				
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