

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 236

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 483

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 483 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help teachers provide a high-quality public education to our children by:

- (1) Streamlining the process by which teachers can purchase necessary school supplies and other curriculum support supplies; and
- (2) Providing teachers with flexibility for their purchases.

Specifically, this bill allows the principal of each public school to establish and use a debit card system for the purchase of school supplies and other related curriculum support supplies.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill. VISA, Inc., supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Education opposed this bill.

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

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



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair



