

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2010RE: S.B. No. 2786
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was
referred S.B. No. 2786 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of
Education to establish a searchable budget database website that
will be made publicly available no later than July 1, 2011.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one
state agency and three individuals. Comments were submitted by
one private organization. Written testimony presented to the
Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the requirements of this measure
will enhance the transparency of operations within the Department
of Education that will enable the Legislature to further assist
the Department in achieving its mission and objectives. Your
Committee also finds that implementation of a searchable budget
database would benefit the Department of Education by improving
its financial accountability. Your Committee further finds that
the Department of Education has indicated some concerns in
implementing the requirements of this measure that appear to be
valid, thus your Committee believes that this measure is worthy of
further discussion on the merits of the concerns raised by the
Department. Your Committee also recommends that all other state
agencies, including the University of Hawaii, adopt policies that
implement and provide semi-annual updates to a searchable budget



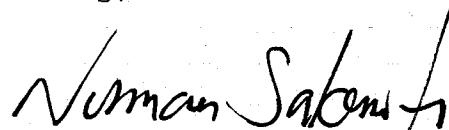
database that is comparable to the requirements discussed for the database in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that salary costs of employees would be disclosed as ranges of salaries, rather than specific salary amounts, in accordance with section 92F-12(a)(14), Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Deleting the requirement for the Department of Education to provide a description of the planned uses for expenditures of \$1,000 or more in each fiscal year;
- (3) Adding the requirement that the searchable budget database shall update the financial data posted on a semi-annual basis; and
- (4) Providing the Department of Education with the alternative to establish and implement the searchable budget database in phases if the Department receives less than one hundred per cent of the appropriation needed to complete the searchable budget database in one fiscal year; provided that the initial phase shall be implemented and completed no later than July 1, 2011.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2786, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2786, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	6			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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