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Honolulu, Hawaii

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H.B. No. 4

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Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 4, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, among other things:

- (1) Make the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children permanent by removing the July 1, 2011, sunset date from Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009;
- (2) Delete the definition of "test period" within the Compact;
- (3) Delete provisions relating to furnishing of unofficial education records and principal's determination of available space; and
- (4) Clarify military representation on the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children within the Board of Education.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific; United States Marine Corps Forces, Pacific; State of Hawaii Department of Defense; Department of Defense State Liaison Office; Department of Education; General Counsel for Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; Military Impacted Principals Council; The Oahu Veterans Council; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Hawaii Business Roundtable Incorporated; and one individual.

Your Committees find that frequent moves and deployment of military families create special challenges for children of military members. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was designed to help overcome educational transition issues of children of military families and to help ease the strain on families due to deployment. This measure will make the Compact, which was enacted by Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, permanent.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that course placement includes but is not limited to honors, international baccalaureate, advanced placement, vocational, technical, and career pathways courses;
- (2) Clarifying that educational program placement includes but is not limited to Gifted and Talented and English as a Second Language Programs; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 4, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 4, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

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