

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2527
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to identify unused public school facilities that may be appropriate for use by charter schools or early learning programs, such as the pre-plus program, or for any other purpose that the Board of Education deems appropriate.

This measure would also require the Department of Education to consider making available the facilities of a public school that may be closed by the Department for use by charter schools or early learning programs; provided that the facilities may be used for any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Human Services and Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Association.

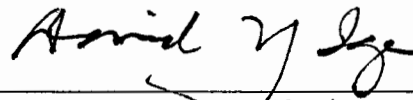
Your Committee finds that it is good practice, particularly in these difficult economic times, to require public school facilities that would otherwise be closed and unused to be used by early learning programs or charter schools or for other purposes deemed appropriate by the Board of Education.



Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that early learning programs include the pre-plus program and by making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of conformity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: |
| SB 2527, SDI | EDU, WAM | 2-23-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | |
| The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) |
| Nay | Excused | |
| IGE, David Y. (C) | / | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC) | / | |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne | / | |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. | / | |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani | / | |
| ESPERO, Will | / | |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol | / | |
| KIM, Donna Mercado | / | |
| KAHELE, Gilbert | / | |
| KOUCHI, Ronald D. | / | |
| RYAN, Pohai | / | |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. | / | |
| WAKAI, Glenn | / | |
| SLOM, Sam | / | |
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| TOTAL | 14 | 0 0 0 |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div> | | |
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