STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2331

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2654

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2654 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the Department of Education from transferring funds from the EDN 100 school-based budget program identifier (EDN 100) to any other program without legislative authorization.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education should be afforded some flexibility in transferring appropriated funds between certain programs; however, funds appropriated to EDN 100 should be used solely for school-based budgeting.

Furthermore, it is the intent of your Committee that while the Department of Education is prohibited from transferring funds appropriated to EDN 100 to other program identifiers under this measure, the Department of Education should not be prohibited from transferring funds from other program identifiers into EDN 100 if necessary to cover a shortfall in funding.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education shall have the flexibility to transfer appropriated funds and positions for the operating cost category among programs and among cost elements in a program, and between quarters, as applicable; provided that appropriations to the EDN 100 school-based budgeting program identifier shall not be transferred to any other program identifier of the Department of Education without legislative authorization; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 2654, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2654, 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,

JILL TOKUDA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB2654	EDU, WAM			2-15-12		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (WI	R)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)						
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)						
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne						
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.						
SLOM, Sam						
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TOTAL		5	0		0	1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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