STAND. COM. REP. NO. 695

Honolulu, Hawaii

March &

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 759

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 759, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COOLING SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve public school students' learning experience by:

- (1) Requiring and funding a comprehensive study, development of a master strategy, and report by the Department of Education and Department of Accounting and General Services, with the consultation of the State Energy Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii, to implement cooling systems at all public school facilities; and
- (2) Authorizing the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to fund projects that demonstrate efficient methods of cooling classrooms in public schools.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hui for Excellence in Education; and Faith Action for Community Equity provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Business, Economic

Development, and Tourism; Department of Education; and IMUAlliance provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 759, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 759, HD1	Committee Referral: EEP, EDN, FIN		Date: 3/3/15	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)			 .	****
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo		,		
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. POUHA, Feki				
15. WARD, Gene				
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124				
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TOTAL (15)	15			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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