

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2397
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2397 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer school impact fees from the Kalihi-Ala Moana school impact district to the School Impact Fees Subaccount of the School Facilities Special Fund for the acquisition and renovation of one or more buildings in the downtown Honolulu area to develop and expand pre-kindergarten and charter school capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the school impact fee program was established to ensure that new residential development contributes to the public infrastructure it necessitates. However, school impact fees have largely remained unexpended. This measure will expand the State's pre-kindergarten and public charter school capacity by authorizing the transfer from the school impact fees subaccount of the school facilities special fund for the



acquisition and renovation of one or more buildings in the downtown Honolulu area.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2397, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2397, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

HSCR 520-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2397	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2/17/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				/
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
7. KILA, Darius K.	/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Trish La Chica</u>				
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