

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1217  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1217 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase learning opportunities for students by establishing a pilot project that expands the Hawaii virtual learning network e-school program to include Lanai High and Elementary School.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Robbie Alm, Executive Vice President, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Your Committee finds that online educational courses provide a means to overcome challenges, such as limited school funding, classroom sizes, the availability of qualified teachers, and geographic location. The Hawaii virtual learning network was established to address these challenges by coordinating and expanding online courses that offer students and educators a wide array of educational opportunities. This measure provides these advantages to students on Lanai to ensure their access to basic educational courses required for graduation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring DOE to allow online education curriculum providers to partner with the Hawaii virtual learning



network if the providers comply with applicable federal and state education standards;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this issue; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, 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. 1217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1217, S.D. 1.

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

*David Y. Ige*

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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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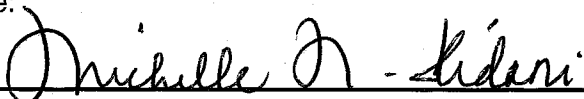
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     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	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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