

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2011 , 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1503
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
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Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that students who are eligible for special education and related services receive quality education by requiring:

- (1) Certain private special education schools and programs that provide services to students with disabilities who receive state funding to comply with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; and
- (2) Any nonpublic special education school or program that is not accredited by specific accrediting agencies to apply for accreditation within ninety days from the date the



student with disabilities is accepted or otherwise placed at the school or program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that situations arise in which private special education schools or programs provide placement opportunities for students with disabilities at the Department of Education's expense. Your Committee on Conference further finds that it is vital that these special education schools or programs comply with federal and state laws and are accredited to ensure that students with disabilities are receiving appropriate services.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2011.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

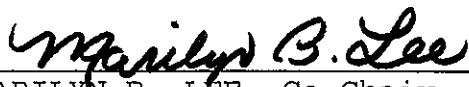
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



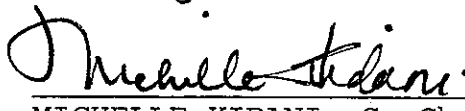
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