

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **825**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 822
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 822, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address student instructional hours in Hawaii's public schools.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Replaces the term "student instructional hours" with "student hours" and requires the Board of Education, in consultation with the exclusive representatives of the appropriate bargaining units, to define student hours;
- (2) Delays the implementation of the nine hundred ninety student hour school year in all public secondary schools, excluding charter schools and multi-track public schools, from the 2014-2016 school years to the 2015-2016 school year; and
- (3) Repeals the requirement that the Department of Education submit a plan to the Legislature to implement a school year of one hundred ninety days, including 1,140 student instructional hours.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the HE'E Coalition and seven individuals. Written comments in

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opposition to this measure were submitted by the Hawaii State AFL-CIO and one individual. Written comments on this measure were submitted by two individuals.

Your Committee finds that public schools have struggled to meet the existing instructional hours requirement, as set forth in Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, and that more flexibility is needed to comply with its provisions. Your Committee believes that authorizing the Board of Education, in consultation with the affected bargaining units, to define student hours will provide public schools with greater flexibility to determine a schedule that is most conducive to achieving student success and increasing access to those opportunities where students learn best.

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. 822, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

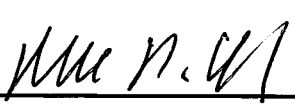


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB822 SD1	Committee Referral: EDU/JDL, WAM	Date: 2/25/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	8	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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