

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 935

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2015

RE: H.B. No. 832  
H.D. 1  
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 Education, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 832, H.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 allow a student who is enrolled at a public charter school that has been notified of the prospect of revocation or nonrenewal or closure, to enroll in a Department of Education school outside the student's service area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a school closure causes hardship for families and communities. Families are faced with finding a school that is convenient for work and childcare purposes, sometimes with little notice. Community schools are faced with the task of accommodating dozens, if not hundreds, of new students. Making geographic exceptions available to students affected by a public charter school closure, thereby allowing those children to attend Department of Education schools outside their service area, is an appropriate accommodation to relieve the burden that public charter school closures place on families and schools.



Your Committee has amended this measure by removing language authorizing geographic exceptions for students that have been notified of the prospect of charter nonrenewal.

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. 832, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 832, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



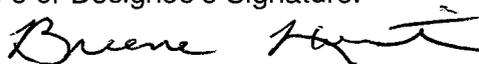
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 832, HD1	EDU, WAM	3/16/15
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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