

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1345  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
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Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1345, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

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 transition public schools away from the multi-track schedule and give overpopulated schools priority for capital improvement projects in order to develop facilities to accommodate the student population.

Your Committee on Conference finds that public school multi-track schedules are not driven by educational outcomes, but by economic considerations. Generally, schools on multi-track schedules have enrollment numbers that exceed school capacity. The school population is served by grouping students on various tracks and staggering their school break schedules. This allows smaller school facilities to meet the demands of larger populations by being in constant use, but serving only a portion of the total student



population at any given time. Transitioning away from this model will require a number of interventions, but will be a positive change for students, teachers, and families. Establishing a traditional school schedule in every school will also provide a time period when facilities are not in use and regular school maintenance and upgrades may be completed without disrupting instructional time.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language requiring the Department of Education to give priority to overpopulated schools, including multi-track schools, for capital improvement project requests made as part of its annual budget request and authorizing the Legislature to make appropriations to the Department of Education accordingly;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Department of Education for the development of a transition plan to end the use of multi-track schedules in public schools;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1345, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1345, 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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