

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 789

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1345

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. 1345 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transition public schools away from the multi-track schedule and prioritize overpopulated schools for capital improvement projects so that school facilities are appropriately developed to serve the student population.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that transitioning public schools away from the multi-track schedule is in the best interest of students, their families, teachers, and schools. The multi-track schedule was devised to accommodate a larger number of students by ensuring that one track of students would always be on break so that school facilities could be utilized year-round. However, the multi-track schedule resulted in fewer instructional days with longer hours to compensate for the loss of days.

Your Committee further finds that use of the multi-track school schedule was driven by economic expediency rather than educational benefits for students. The multi-track schedule was simply a strategy for accommodating a larger number of students at less expense. Transitioning back to a traditional school schedule will likely require significant structural changes and investments

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in capital improvements to accommodate more students being in school at the same time. Your Committee believes that by requiring the Department of Education to prioritize the capital improvement project needs of overpopulated schools, the transition to traditional school year scheduling will be implemented more efficiently.

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. 1345 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.:* SB1345	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/2/15		
<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	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]				
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