

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 759

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 759, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COOLING SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve public school students' learning experience by:

- (1) Requiring and funding a comprehensive study, development of a master strategy, and report by the Department of Education and Department of Accounting and General Services, with the consultation of the State Energy Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii, to implement cooling systems at all public school facilities; and
- (2) Authorizing the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to fund projects that demonstrate efficient methods of cooling classrooms in public schools.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, IMUAlliance, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Business, Economic

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Development, and Tourism, and several concerned individuals commented on this measure.

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. 759, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



