

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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 Education, 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 give overpopulated schools priority for capital improvement projects in order to develop facilities to accommodate the student population.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association.


Your Committee finds that the use of a multi-track school schedule is economically-motivated. The multi-track schedule is not driven by educational outcomes, but is simply a strategy for accommodating a larger number of students by always having one track of students on break, and utilizing facilities year-round.

Your Committee further finds that decoupling schools from a multi-track schedule will likely require a number of actions which may include but not be limited to, redistricting, construction of new classroom buildings on existing campuses, and building additional schools. Cafeterias, gymnasiums, and auditoriums will also need to be evaluated to determine whether modifications would be necessary to accommodate a greater population of students.



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 S.B. No. 1345 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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:		
SB 1345	EDU, WAM	2/6/15		
<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
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				✓
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Breene Harimoto</i>				
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