

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 104

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 104 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE STATES WITH THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 AND OTHER EDUCATION-RELATED PROGRAMS AND TO OFFER STATES WAIVERS OR EXEMPTIONS FROM RELATED REGULATIONS WHEN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IS DECREASED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the federal government to increase funding and flexibility for implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Comments concurring with the principles of this measure were received from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that while the No Child Left Behind Act (Act) was initially accompanied by relatively large increases in federal funding for public elementary and secondary education, funding since the first year of implementation has been minimal and insufficient to fulfill its requirements. Your Committee further finds that the federal commitment to quality public education via the Act must be made along with substantial increases in federal funding to support its stringent requirements.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 104 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Military Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



