

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3576

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 176  
S.D. 1

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. 176 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLARIFY HOW THE I.D.E.A. MANDATE OF "FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION" FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE STATE AND THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF COSTS AND FEES CHARGED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Board and Department of Education make known the fees, if any, charged for regular and special education supplies and services, and to request that the Legislative Reference Bureau conduct a comparative study of such fees in Hawaii and elsewhere in the nation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education. Comments on this measure were received from the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB).

Your Committee finds that it remains necessary to clarify for all stakeholders and the public in general exactly what the term "free appropriate public education" encompasses, and how the department meets those requirements at district, school, and individual levels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Limiting the study to be conducted by the LRB to high school students;
- (2) Request that the Department of Education provide certain technical assistance to the LRB to conduct its study;
- (3) Clarify that the Department of Education shall also submit its findings to the Legislature before the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

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. 176, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 176, S.D. 1.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Education and Military Affairs  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>SCR 176</i>	<i>EDM</i>	<i>04/03/06</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310)
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
Nays	Excused	
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓	
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)		✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓	
HOGUE, Bob		✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>		
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