

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3262

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 61
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. 61 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR
CONDUCT A FISCAL AUDIT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CONDUCT A PROGRAM AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S
HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request a fiscal and
program audit be conducted of the Department of Education's
Hawaiian Studies Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs, and thirteen individuals. Comments in opposition to this
measure were received from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that instructors and advocates of the
Hawaiian Studies Program report inconsistencies in the program
budgeting, pay scales, and implementation. Your Committee finds
that a fiscal and program audit would help to clarify the extent
to which any of these inconsistencies exist, and identify any
potential remedies thereto.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that
the Auditor also conduct the program audit of the program, rather
than the Department of Education, merely for purposes of
departmental independence; and by specifying that the fiscal audit

2006-2434SCR SSCR SMA.doc



review all moneys appropriated and expended at both the department and individual school level for maximum accuracy.

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. 61, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 61, S.D. 1.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



