

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 75
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. 75 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS TO TAKE ONLINE CLASSES FROM ACCREDITED UNIVERSITIES FOR CREDIT TOWARD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Education (DOE) allow gifted and talented students to take online classes from accredited universities for credit toward DOE requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Testimony supporting the intent of this measure was received from the DOE.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education has existing procedures in place to earn distance learning credits online and through study at other accredited institutions, but that the DOE should make this information more widely available, including on its web site. Your Committee further finds that this measure should not be limited to gifted and talented students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that the DOE make available on its web site information on the procedures through which a student



may obtain credit approval for distance learning courses;

- (2) Eliminating the references to gifted and talented students to make the resolution more universally applicable; and
- (3) 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. 75, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 75, S.D. 1.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



