

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 103

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.R. No. 103 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT (NCLB) BY INCREASING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND AFFORDING MORE FLEXIBILITY TO STATES IN RELATION TO NCLB,"

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 and one individual. Comments in support of the intent of this measure were received from the Hawaii Government Employees Association. Comments concurring with the principles of this measure were received from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the best way for the federal government to make education a national priority is to support states' efforts to improve student achievement - specifically, by increasing funding for implementation of No Child Left Behind Act requirements, and by granting states more flexibility in meeting Act requirements when federal funding is reduced or insufficient.



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.R. No. 103 and recommends its adoption.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



