

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 117
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.R. No. 117 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINE A SET OF BENCHMARK INDICATORS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 51,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Education determine a set of indicators in order to evaluate effects of Act 51 implementation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that it is in the interest of all involved to monitor the changes occurring throughout the educational system since the implementation of Act 51. Your Committee further finds that Act 51 already requires that the Department conduct track reporting, and it is a matter of determining which indicators to capture and memorialize from those reports that will result in the collection of quality, informative data over time.

Your Committee has amended this measure by emphasizing that it is sound educational policy for the Department to establish and maintain a data warehouse to store and track information over time, and by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

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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. 117, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 117, S.D. 1.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



