

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 36

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Media, Arts, Science, and Technology, to which was referred S.R. No. 36 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF EBOOKS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL TEXTBOOKS AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Education conduct an investigation into the feasibility of eBook implementation in the public schools, and to report its findings to the Legislature.

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

Your Committees find that the Department expressed in its testimony some concern regarding support and funding for an eBook pilot program in conjunction with a feasibility study. Your Committees further find that there is a great deal of research on eBook implementation in other states, and that a potential pilot program in Hawaii could include one or two classes from middle to high school in a subject that undergoes relatively rapid evolution, such as science.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Media, Arts, Science, and Technology that are attached to this report, your

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Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 36 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Military Affairs and Media, Arts, Science, and Technology,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



