

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 55

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 55 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING PEACE EDUCATION INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge the Department of Education (DOE) to study the feasibility of integrating peace education into the school curriculum.

A teacher from Pacific Buddhist Academy and students of Pacific Buddhist Academy, Honoka'a High School, Kalaniana'ole Intermediate School, Paauilo Elementary and Intermediate School, and Laupahoehoe Elementary and High School testified in support of this measure.

Based on the students' testimonies, it is the intent of this committee to have the feasibility study conducted with the DOE Civic Responsibility Working Group, Hawaii State Student Council and Student Conference Committee, Pacific Buddhist Academy, Service Learning Coordinator at DOE, and the Service Learning Impact Office at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Also, for clarification, components of peace curriculum should include civic responsibility, service learning, leadership skills development, and content dispositions, skills and applications. Furthermore, school curriculum should include

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content in subjects and disciplines, as well as integrated activities, both curricular and co-curricular.

In addition, based on the students' testimonies, administration and teacher in-service and pre-service training regarding the philosophy and pedagogy of peace education should also be included in this study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 55 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,

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for ROY TAKUMI, Chair

