

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 7
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 7
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS'
TRAINING CORPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for two
instructor positions for the establishment of a Junior Reserve
Officers' Training Corps program at Lahainaluna High School.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Education, the Hawaii State Teachers Association,
and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Junior Reserve Officers'
Training Corps (JROTC) program was established by the United
States Congress in 1916 to instill in our youth the values of
citizenship, community service, and personal responsibility. Your
Committee further finds that JROTC programs provide our youth with
positive alternatives to participation in gangs, the opportunity
to give back to the community, and a sense of belonging; promote
physical fitness, teamwork, and respect for authority; and teach
leadership skills and self-motivation. A recent study by the
Center for Strategic and International Studies indicated that
JROTC programs strengthen our youth, communities, and the nation
by nurturing individualism in the service of a common goal.



Currently in Hawaii there are twenty-three JROTC programs, one of which exists on the island of Maui. A federal requirement for the establishment and existence of a JROTC program is that the school must employ two retired military personnel. Therefore, additional funding for Lahainaluna High School is needed to hire the necessary personnel for the JROTC program. Your Committee believes in the virtues of JROTC programs, believes that the establishment of a JROTC program at Lahainaluna High School will positively serve the students, community, and the State, and determines that the existence of two programs on Maui will allow the participants to benefit from increased opportunities for participation in JROTC activities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 7, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 7, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
TOTAL	6			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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