

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 134  
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.C.R.  
No. 134 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION AND MANAGERS RIDGE LLC TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE  
CONTINUATION OF THE KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
AGRICULTURE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support agriculture  
education by requesting the Department of Education and Manager's  
Ridge LLC to develop a plan for the continuation of the Kahuku  
High and Intermediate School agriculture program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, the Hawaii  
State Teachers Association, Kahuku High and Intermediate School,  
and eight individuals. Comments on the measure were submitted by  
Manager's Ridge LLC.

Your Committee finds that workforce development is a high  
priority within the State and must include the development of jobs  
and education in diverse disciplines including the agriculture  
industry. Your Committee further finds that at Kahuku High and  
Intermediate School, the agriculture program of the Koko'ula  
Natural Resources Academy provides valuable education to increase  
agricultural awareness, develop technical skills for farming, and  
promote good character and citizenship within the community. The  
program is currently in jeopardy and requires careful attention

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and care to ensure that students in Kahuku will continue to be afforded with the benefits of the agriculture program without interruption.

Testimony provided indicates that the parties are willing to work together; however, the issue of liability remains an immediate concern that should be given priority while working toward a final agreement in a timely manner.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Education and Manager's Ridge LLC are requested to enter into an agreement to remove Manager's Ridge LLC from any liability relating to Kahuku High and Intermediate School's use of the property in question until a final agreement can be reached on the matter; and
- (2) Encouraging the parties to take any appropriate action necessary to resolve the issues in a timely manner that will allow Manager's Ridge LLC to proceed with its plans for development.

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 S.C.R. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 134, S.D. 1.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



