

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 168  
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. 168 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO DEVELOP COST ESTIMATES AND PLANS TO MAKE  
EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS TO KAPAA, KAUAI, AND WAIMEA HIGH SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUMS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Education to develop cost estimates and plans to make extensive  
renovations to Kapaa, Kauai, and Waimea High School gymnasiums.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Education, the Hawaii State Teachers Association,  
the Kauai District Student Council, and twenty-five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the gymnasiums at Kapaa, Kauai, and  
Waimea High Schools date back to World War II and are currently in  
disrepair. These gymnasiums fulfill multiple needs of the  
students, the schools, and the communities, serving as civil  
defense shelters when necessary. Your Committee believes that the  
development of cost estimates and plans for the renovations of  
these gymnasiums are necessary to provide adequate facilities for  
these schools' students, as well as to provide potential shelters  
in cases of emergency. This measure requests the necessary  
analysis and planning and should also ensure that some focus is  
placed on cost estimates for renovations required to make the  
gymnasiums appropriate for use as civil defense shelters.

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Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Education determine whether the new gymnasiums should accommodate civil defense needs, and, if so, the cost and source of funds to make such accommodations; and
- (2) Removing language requesting the Department of Education to seek the input of individual school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, staff, teachers, and students to come up with an appropriate gymnasium design, plan, and infrastructure.

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. 168, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 168, S.D. 1.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



