

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 17

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 17 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to study the educational implications of the special needs of preschool age children with developmental disabilities.

The Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress, the Aloha Place, and twelve individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Education submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committees find that there is a need to improve the coordination of IDEA-mandated special education and related services with respect to the appropriateness of a disabled child's developmental age, not just chronological age, due to a biological risk factor such as Down syndrome or Trisomy 21. This measure urges the Department of Education to study the educational implications of the special needs of preschool age children with developmental disabilities and develop guidelines for the assessment, intervention, and education of this population. The Department of Education is also urged to develop developmental

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goals and criteria for preschool readiness, including appropriateness for developmental age and chronological age.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 17 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Public Housing and
Education,


Norman Sakamoto
NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair

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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
HSP

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 17	Committee Referral: HSP / EDU	Date: 4-11-07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

