

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 57  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 57 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND  
ACT OF 2001,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the United States  
Congress to propose amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act of  
2001.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Education, the Hawaii State Teachers Association,  
the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, the College of  
Education Faculty Senate, and four individuals.

Your Committees find that the Department of Education has  
been subject to several mandates that have drained resources and  
taken the focus away from various programs and objectives under  
the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Your Committees further  
find that the No Child Left Behind Act requires a narrow focus on  
the basics, which has led to a move away from the implementation  
of best practices and cutting edge educational research to achieve  
higher test scores. Your Committees determine that the No Child  
Left Behind Act also provides unfunded mandates and fails to  
concentrate efforts on providing a well-rounded, comprehensive  
education for our students. In 2007, the United States Congress  
is faced with a decision as to whether to reauthorize the No Child



Left Behind Act, allow the law to lapse, or replace it with a new law. Your Committees find that the current provisions of the law should be examined and amended to address the current needs of public schools and public school students to facilitate maximum efficiency and student achievement.

Based on the testimony provided, your Committees believe that further clarification and specification is required and has amended this measure by requesting that, among the issues and amendments the United States Congress should address, are the following:

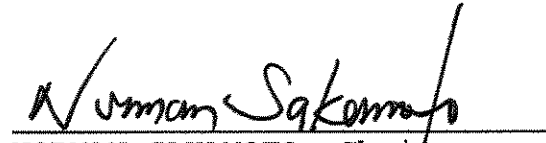
- (1) Improving teacher quality, preparation, and training;
- (2) Improving assessment measures and systems;
- (3) Improving accountability models, indicators of performance, and consequences;
- (4) Augmenting resources to assist states in efforts to accomplish challenging educational initiatives;
- (5) Supporting innovation, capacity building, and flexibility to address state and local education needs; and
- (6) Returning to original intent and purpose of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 57, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 57, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,

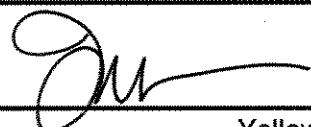
  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 57</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU/IGM</i>	Date: <i>04/02/07</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	<i>X</i>			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				<i>X</i>
HEE, Clayton				<i>X</i>
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				<i>X</i>
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	<i>X</i>			
GABBARD, Mike	<i>X</i>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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