

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1761

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 74
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A FINANCIAL, PROGRAM, AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct a financial, program, and management audit of the
Department of Education's Hawaiian Studies Program.

Comments in support of this measure were submitted by the
Department of Education, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the
Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of
Hawaii at Manoa, the Kualii Native Hawaiian University of Hawaii
at Manoa Advisory Council, Ka Lei Papahi o Kakuhihewa, six current
and two past kupuna from the Department of Education Hawaiian
Studies Program, and several private citizens.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian education program was
established in the Department of Education pursuant to article X,
section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, which
mandates the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language in
the State's public schools. Your Committee is aware of
allegations of the mismanagement of funds allocated for Hawaiian
studies programs and underpayment or inappropriate use of kupuna.
The kupuna are an invaluable resource in an equally valuable
program intended to educate all students about the indigenous

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people and host culture of Hawaii. Your Committee finds that current financial, program, and management concerns about the Hawaiian studies program need to be clarified and that an audit would provide increased transparency and accountability in the program's operational practices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

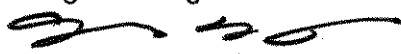


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 74 SDI	Committee Referral: EDU/WAH, WAM	Date: 4/5/07		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	8	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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