

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1199

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 16

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 16, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the efficacy of school health functions by:

- (1) Repealing the School Health Services Program currently operating within the Department of Health (DOH);
- (2) Repealing the transfer from DOH to the Department of Education (DOE) of public health nurses who supervise school health aides; and
- (3) Creating a School Health Services Program in DOE.

DOE, DOH, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Government Employees Association and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee notes that currently, school principals are not trained in basic first aid or CPR. A suggestion was made to require principals to complete first aid and CPR training to gain an understanding of the clinical aspects of the work that school health aides perform. This training would assist principals in the supervision of school health aides as well as enhance their

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ability to contribute to DOE's establishment of a School Health Services Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 16, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



