

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1400 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 71

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 71 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ONLY PURCHASE OR LEASE LARGE SCHOOL BUSES THAT HAVE AN OPERABLE SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY AT ALL DESIGNATED SEATING POSITIONS AND SEAT BACKS THAT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR INCHES IN HEIGHT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education (DOE) to only purchase or lease large school buses that have an operable seat belt assembly at all designated seating positions and have seat backs that are at least twenty-four inches in height to ensure the safety of our school children.

Numerous concerned individuals testified in strong support of the measure. DOE testified in opposition to the resolution.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Transferring the responsibility to the Board of Education as they are the appropriate authority in the matter.
- (2) Changing the title to reflect the change to the content of the resolution.

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- (3) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.C.R. No. 71, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1.

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

*Jyfa B. Berg*  
for ROY TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> ACR 71	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-24-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>EDN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. (VC)	✓			
3. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
5. CHANG, Jerry L.				✓
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
9. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
11. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	8	0	0	5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>      B. Sali      </u>				
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