

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 104  
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.R. No. 104 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY WITH COURSES IN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTRUCTION, AND TO INCORPORATE THESE COURSES INTO THE DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CONDITIONS FOR TEACHER LICENSURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a plan to provide current public school administrators and faculty with courses in Hawaiian language and culture instruction, and to incorporate these courses into the Department's preferences for employment and conditions for teacher licensure.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Kamehameha Schools, Dr. Jonathan Osorio of the Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of the measure. DOE testified in opposition to the measure.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:



- (1) Transferring the responsibility to the Board of Education (BOE) as they are the appropriate authority in the matter.
- (2) Adding language to clarify the appropriate institutions responsible for assisting the BOE in implementing the plan.
- (3) Changing the title to reflect the change to the content of the resolution.
- (4) 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.R. No. 104, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 104, H.D. 1.

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

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