

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 115
S.D. 1
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 S.C.R. No. 115, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A PILOT PROJECT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL COMPLEX TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL DEPARTMENT RULES AND POLICIES THAT IMPEDE EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING, ADMINISTERING, AND TEACHING AND TO OPERATE FREE OF THOSE RULES AND POLICIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a three year pilot project for at least one school complex to:

- 1) Identify critical DOE rules and policies that impede effective decision-making, administering and teaching; and
- 2) To operate free of those rules and policies.

DOE, Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), Hawaii Business Roundtable, and several concerned individuals testified in support of the resolution.

Your Committee would like to note that the testimony from the principals from the Waianae Complex mentioned that a full partnership of the stakeholders including the DOE, HSTA, Hawaii

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Board of Education (BOE), and Hawaii Government Employees Association would be beneficial in shaping and implementing innovative initiatives and strategies.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- 1) Adding language to ensure that the pilot schools are in compliance to the law.

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 S.C.R. No. 115, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 115, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

for Yula B. Berg
ROY TAKUMI, Chair



