

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1127

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1127 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN KNOWLEDGE CURRICULUM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the knowledge and practices of sciences as they existed prior to Western contact in Hawaii by appropriating funds for the development of a traditional science curriculum and standards relating to pre-western contact Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Education.

Contemporary science curriculums taught in schools focus on theories and practices of modern and Western societies. By adhering to traditional Native Hawaiian knowledge and practices, Native Hawaiian societies prior to 1778 Western contact lived in a more harmonious and symbiotic relationship with their environments than contemporary societies. The modern day science curriculum, however, tends to ignore the traditional knowledge and practices.

The traditional Native Hawaiian knowledge and practices are still pertinent today, as the crews of the many successful Hokule'a voyages have proven. Your Committee finds that appropriating funds for the development of a traditional science curriculum and standards relating to pre-western contact Hawaii will accomplish the intent of this measure, which is to promote the Native

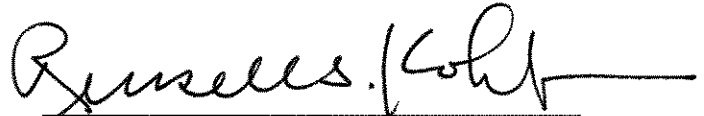
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Hawaiian knowledge and practice of the sciences in Hawaii's schools. Developing a pre-western contact science curriculum will ensure that Native Hawaiians traditional knowledge and practices are not lost, and will be preserved and available for future generations to learn and practice.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1127 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1127	Committee Referral: WAH, WAM	Date: FEB. 2, 2007		
<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
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				Y
HEE, Clayton	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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