

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 120

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R.  
No. 120 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAI'I AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP, OFFER, AND  
EXPAND PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE COURSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of  
Hawaii and the Department of Education to develop, offer, and  
expand Philippine language courses.

Comments on the measure were submitted by the University of  
Hawaii System and the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that since their initial immigration,  
the Filipino community has grown and continues to be prevalent in  
Hawaii. However, despite their significant representation in the  
general population, including in our public schools, Filipinos are  
largely underrepresented in higher education, representing a small  
percentage of enrollment in the University of Hawaii System and a  
small percentage of individuals possessing postsecondary degrees.  
Given their significance in Hawaii's demographic composition, the  
Filipino community must be supported to increase the  
representation of Filipino students and professionals trained in  
the Philippine languages who can work in the area of education,  
health, legal services, and commerce. This measure requests the  
University of Hawaii and the Department of Education to develop,  
offer, and expand Philippine language courses. Your Committee  
determines that the increased provision of courses in the


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Philippine languages will help to increase academic interest and student success.

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. 120 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



