

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 139
S.D. 1

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. 139 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO CHANGE THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ALLOW
CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME SCHOOLED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC
SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Education to change the Hawaii Administrative Rules to allow home
schooled students to participate in public school co-curricular or
extracurricular activities.

Testimony in opposition of the measure was submitted by the
Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that home schooling is a popular and
viable option for many parents. Accordingly, home schooled
students require a well-balanced education, similar to public
schools students. However, home schooled students lack the same
academic and recreational enrichment provided by extracurricular
activities available to public school students. Your Committee
further finds that extracurricular activities, including
athletics, play an important role in the holistic development of a
child. Although the public school system, as well as the
Department of Human Services, affords public school students the
opportunity to participate in numerous before- and after-school
activities that enhance their development as contributing members

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of our communities, home school students are not provided with the same access to such activities. This measure seeks to remedy that inequity by requesting the Department of Education to amend its rules to provide home schooled students access to extracurricular activities of the public school at which they would otherwise attend.

However, testimony provided indicated that the Department of Education is not the appropriate entity to fulfill such request. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Board of Education, rather than the Department of Education, to change the Hawaii Administrative Rules to provide home schooled students access to co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and also amends the title to reflect such change.

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. 139, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 139, S.D. 1.

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


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 139	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/24/08		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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