

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 37

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 Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study into the feasibility of a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation center for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the State of Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services, the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Deaf Hard of Hearing Advisory Board, and one private citizen. Comments on the measure were submitted by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the deaf and hard of hearing community have unique communication and service needs and a comprehensive center would be the first step in improving the resources and services available to enhance their quality of life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by incorporating the comments made by the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) in order to make the requested study more manageable and enable that agency to complete the study in a timely manner. Specifically, the LRB

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requested the elimination of "feasibility" and instead requests a study on the establishment of a comprehensive center, "suggest" rather than "define" services to be delivered, "roughly estimate the costs of establishing" and survey start-up costs of centers in other states rather than "determine the feasibility", and request the participation of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services to identify the deaf and hard of hearing population who may benefit from a comprehensive center, rather than have the LRB identify the population on its own.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 37, 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. 37, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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