

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3509**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2008

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 Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 37, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 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 study the establishment of a comprehensive
vocational rehabilitation center for deaf and hard of hearing
individuals.

More specifically, the measure requests the Legislative
Reference Bureau to suggest services for the center, survey
centers in other states to estimate start-up and operating costs,
and consult with agencies that serve the target population. The
measure also requests the Department of Human Services to assist
in identifying the potential beneficiaries of such a center.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from The
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Board and the Disability and
Communication Access Board. The Department of Human Services and
the Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that deaf and hard of hearing persons
have unique communication and service needs. Comprehensive
vocational rehabilitation services for Hawaii's citizens who are

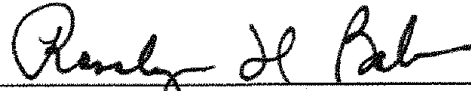
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deaf and hard of hearing would help to broaden their employment options and promote their successful integration in the community. Identifying areas of need and funding possibilities would be a good first step toward improving services for this population.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 37, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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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 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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	10	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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