

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

588

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 87
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 87, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure a quality education for children with disabilities by authorizing and obligating the Department of Education (DOE) to oversee and monitor students eligible for special education who are placed in private schools or facilities at public expense.

DOE testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools supported the intent of this measure. The Autism Society of Hawaii, Koolauloa Community Children's Council Parent Support Group, and many concerned individuals opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2046, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 87, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 87, H.D. 2.

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



JUN RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



