

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1530

Honolulu, Hawaii  
April, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 76  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 76 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CONVERTING HARD COVER TEXT BOOKS TO E-BOOKS FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Department of Education to conduct a feasibility study on converting hard cover text books to e-books for use in public schools.

For the purposes of discussion, your Committee circulated a proposed draft in which the original contents were deleted and replaced with language that requests the Governor not to address the 2009 fiscal year budget shortfall by reducing or restricting the Department of Education's and University of Hawaii's current appropriations, but, with the Legislature, Department of Education (DOE), and University of Hawaii (UH), develop a plan to use the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) to stabilize funding for the DOE and UH for the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium.

The Board of Education, Community Children's Council of Hawaii, Special Education Advisory Council, Hawaii State Teacher's Association, and a concerned citizen testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education supported this measure with amendments.

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Your Committee has amended the concurrent resolution, as received, by deleting its contents and replacing it with language that requests the Governor not to address the 2009 fiscal year budget shortfall by reducing or restricting the Department of Education's and University of Hawaii's current appropriations, but, with the Legislature, Department of Education (DOE), and University of Hawaii (UH), develop a plan to use the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) to stabilize funding for the DOE and UH for the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium. Your Committee has also:

- (1) Included the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii in the development of the plan;
- (2) Included the United States Secretary of Education and members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation among those who should receive certified copies of the resolution; and
- (3) Changed the title of the resolution to, "REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR NOT TO ADDRESS THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET SHORTFALL BY REDUCING OR RESTRICTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS."

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 H.C.R. No. 76, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 76, H.D. 1.

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

for Jyla B. Berg  
ROY TAKUMI, Chair



