

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

474

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2009

RE: S.B. No. 162

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 162 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Performance Standards Review Commission.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that since the creation of the Performance Standards Commission in 1991, the Department of Education has assessed its standards to ensure that the standards reflect the needs of students as well as meet the educational goals adopted by the Board of Education. Your Committee further finds that since 1997, the Department has convened the Performance Standards Review Commissions every four years, as specified in section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Commission's reports have consistently confirmed and reinforced the independent findings of the Department, and the efforts of the Performance Standards Review Commission have only duplicated the efforts of the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



S.B. No. 162 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

Norman Sakamoto

NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



