

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 360

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. 360 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to allow children who are home schooled to participate in extracurricular activities at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency and seventeen home school students and parents. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee has heard compelling testimony on the importance of extracurricular activities for home school students, from the students themselves. While younger students often have community programs available, particularly for sports, by the time the students are high school age, the options are much more limited. Many of the students who testified spoke of personal talents and skills that would be a valuable asset for any organized activity, and the frustration they face when they are not able to find a place to develop those talents and skills.

Your Committee believes that this measure would be a win-win for home school students as well as the public schools, and is in strong support of its passage.



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. 360 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


Norman Sakamoto

NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 300	EDH, WAM	2-13-09		
<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
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	4			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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