

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1385

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 105  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 105 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
AGENCIES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARENT CLIENTS TO TURN ON CLOSED  
CAPTIONING WHEN THEIR CHILDREN WATCH TELEVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge public and private  
agencies to encourage their parent clients to turn on closed  
captioning when their children watch television.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one  
individual. Testimony in opposition was submitted by the  
Department of Education. Written testimony presented to your  
Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that closed captioning has the ability  
to enhance vocabulary, reading speed, word association, and  
spelling. Your Committee understands that closed captioning is  
not accurate one hundred per cent of the time and certain style  
preferences used in closed captioning are different than those  
used in school writing classes, however, your Committee believes  
the merits outweigh these concerns. Adults can benefit from  
reading the closed captioning on television, as it helps a reader  
develop English skills and identify errors in spelling, which is a  
rapid brain problem solving skill. Television is becoming a large  
part of the family dynamic, and by using closed captioning the



television can become a tool to help both adults and children improve their reading skills.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 105, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 105, S.D. 1.

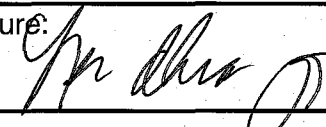
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 105</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS</b>	Date: <b>4/7/09</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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