

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1103

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 149  
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 Education and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 149 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MODIFY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY REQUIRING FIFTY HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM ALL STUDENTS AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENT, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education to:

- (1) Modify public high school graduation requirements by requiring fifty hours of community service from all students as part of the Department of Education's Civic Responsibility requirement; and
- (2) Report its findings and recommendations to the 2010 Legislature.

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

Your Committee finds that community service programs not only present students with the chance to participate in unique, real-world learning experiences, but also teach them the value and



importance of civic responsibility and engagement. In addition, these programs bring schools together with local nonprofit organizations and state departments for the benefit all parties involved, providing the community with much-needed volunteer support and the students with the opportunity to connect with and give back to their communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure to clarify that, if appropriate, this requirement may be modified, based on the student's Individualized Education Program or Personalized Educational Plan.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 149, S.D. 1.

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



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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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