

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1064

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1203  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1203, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote community service and volunteerism among Hawaii residents between the ages of 15 and 18 by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to establish a voluntary program to allow state residents between the ages of 15 and 18, inclusive, to serve a minimum of five-hundred hours of community service;
- (2) Providing \$3 per hour in scholarship funds to participants in this voluntary program to be used to finance any educational program chosen by the participant until the age of 30;
- (3) Establishing a trust fund within the Office of Community Services (OCS) to receive the scholarship funds for the participants' use;
- (4) Requiring DLIR to prepare a plan, with the assistance of all state executive agencies, for the implementation of the mandatory community service plan;

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- (5) Requiring DLIR to submit initial and final reports to the legislature that include findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation regarding the mandatory community service plan; and
- (6) Requiring the Attorney General to advise OCS on the legal issues involved in operating and administering this program.

The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools testified in support of this bill. OCS supported the intent of this measure.

Community service and volunteerism not only provide students with real world experiences but also serve to teach these students civic responsibility. The establishment of a voluntary community service program which also provides scholarship funds to individuals will afford community service providers with much needed volunteer support and provide students with a means of earning scholarship funds to further their educational goals.

Your Committee notes that a measure currently being considered by the Legislature, S.B. No. 905, seeks to transfer OCS from DLIR to the Department of Human Services. Should S.B. No. 905 pass, your Committee finds that it will be necessary for this measure to be amended to reflect the new department to which OCS will be administratively attached.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1203, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 1203, SD 2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> LAB, HHS, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-17-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
7. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	9	-	-	3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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