

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 140

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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 140 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RESPOND TO KPMG'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS AND WORKFLOW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to respond to the recommendations in KPMG LLP's (KPMG) report entitled "Complex Area Administrative and Support Services Review" regarding improvements to the Department's operations and workflow.

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.

KPMG's report, together with the Moanalua Complex Redesign Committee's report in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 115 (2008), has provided a number of reasonable recommendations to improve the Department of Education's ability to operate more efficiently. The Department's fiscal challenges, greater scrutiny by the public and state officials, and change in leadership have all contributed to a growing urgency and willingness to reform the Department's operations and the public education system in Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that this measure promotes greater accountability by the Department of Education by prompting the Department to prioritize and take action on KPMG's recommendations.

To further encourage the Department to implement KPMG's recommended changes, your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Education to submit, in addition to the existing reporting request under this measure, annual reports to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2012 and 2013 providing status updates on the implementation of the priority recommendations from KPMG's report. Your Committee has also made technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 140, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1.

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

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



