

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 20, 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 195
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 195, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE SIGN LANGUAGE AND OTHER COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES DURING INSTRUCTION TO ENHANCE THE LEARNING OF CHILDREN WITH COGNITIVE AND OTHER DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge the Department of Education (DOE) to establish an appropriate level of sign language proficiency for individuals in the DOE who provide instruction to children with disabilities to enhance their students' learning.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 195, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.



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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



