

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2011
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room 309

Comments on HCR 222

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti and committee members,

While we feel that strong measures must be taken to enforce and/or augment the existing anti-bullying rules/policies within the Department of Education, we feel that this resolution misses the mark.

The Legislature should be requiring DOE to report regularly, school-by-school, incidents of bullying and what each principle has done to train teachers and enforce the policy. Schools that receive a failing grade in anti-bullying should receive special attention from DOE and the Governor.

Adding a "request" to counsel and/or punish students without requiring teachers and principles to be accountable for their schools and classrooms seems like a waste of ink.

And what about prevention education for both school personnel and students?

Mahalo for allowing us to testify,

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