

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 59

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 59 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY IN FULL WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S HAWAIIAN STUDIES PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

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

- (1) Allocate resources to develop the fundamental requirements of a viable grade K-6 educational program with stated goals, objectives, and evaluation measures, including the completion, dissemination, and implementation of a five-year Hawaiian studies strategic plan;
- (2) Update and revise the Hawaiian studies program and curriculum guides for grades K-6;
- (3) Monitor the fiscal responsibility of the use of Hawaiian studies funds in the schools;
- (4) Make a clear statement of the role of kupuna and makua as teachers of the Hawaiian culture and the role of the



regular classroom teacher as a true partner in the endeavor;

- (5) Allocate substantive resources to further kupuna and makua training and educational programs in all aspects of Hawaiian culture so they can impart the knowledge as envisioned by the Hawaii State Constitution for the keiki, or children, of Hawaii; and
- (6) Provide an accounting of all expenditures relating to the implementation of Article X, Section 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution that establishes a Hawaiian education program, and require accounting to be in accordance with the recommendations of the Management Audit of the Department of Education's Hawaiian Studies Program.

This measure also requests the Board of Education and Department of Education to report their progress on the items listed above to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013.

The Department of Education, The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ka Lei Papahio Kukuhihewa, Hawaiian Studies Kupuna/Makua, and many concerned individuals supported 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 H.R. No. 59 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



