

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 48

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2011

RE: S.B. No. 601
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 601 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an electronic book pilot program for students in one public intermediate or middle school to be selected by the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that there are schools within the Department of Education that currently use notebook computers and electronic tools for learning. For example, Kalani High School already uses online content and may provide a model for moving toward greater use of electronic materials in the public schools. Your Committee finds that expanding the types of technology available for the pilot program would provide the Department with the flexibility to also select tools other than electronic books that would enhance learning for participants of the pilot program. Your Committee encourages the Department of Education to seek alternative additional sources of funding for the pilot program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing all references to "electronic books" to "electronic-based curriculum".



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This amendment will broaden the scope of electronic materials and formats that can be used as part of the pilot program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 601, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JILL TORUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB601	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 1-31-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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