

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3104

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 43
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 43 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL
CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SMALLER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS TO BE USED FOR
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS, SENIOR CENTERS, AND
OTHER KUPUNA-RELATED PROGRAMS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND
AVOID THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to avoid the
closure of schools and meet community needs by encouraging the
Board of Education and Department of Education to allow public
school campuses that have smaller student enrollments to be used
for aging and disability resource centers, senior centers, and
other kupuna-related programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Executive Office on Aging of the Department of Health.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that with the aging of the baby boomer
generation (those born between 1946 and 1964), Hawaii will
experience a change in its demographics and the needs of its
people. Allowing portions of public school facilities to be used
for community service programs, such as kupuna-related programs,
will assist in alleviating some of the projected demand for

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kupuna-related services, while preventing public school facilities from being underutilized or even closed.

Your Committee also finds that according to the Department of Education's testimony, fees for facilities that nonprofit service providers and government agencies pay to the Department reimburse the Department for only the out-of-pocket expenses that the Department would not have otherwise incurred if there had been no outside use of the facilities. Therefore, bringing nonprofit service providers or other government agencies onto an under-enrolled campus does not bring additional revenues to the Department and would not offset the high cost of small schools.

Your Committee has therefore amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that describes low student enrollment and elderly-specific needs;
- (2) Adding language that describes section 302A-1151.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the Department of Education to give reasonable consideration to making public school facilities available to charter schools when the Department considers closing any particular public school;
- (3) Amending language to describe possible uses of public school facilities being considered for closure and vacant public school facilities;
- (4) Amending the purpose of this measure to encourage the Board of Education and Department of Education to consider utilizing public school facilities facing closure and reutilizing vacant public school facilities to support the broader needs of the community, including but not limited to kupuna-related programs and services, thereby avoiding underutilization and possible closure of public school facilities;
- (5) Amending the title accordingly;
- (6) Requesting the Board of Education and Department of Education to consult with the neighborhood boards and other community organizations, rather than the Executive Office on Aging, to identify opportunities to use public



school facilities for services or programs that benefit the community; and

- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 43, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Education, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

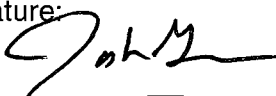
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 43	Committee Referral: HMS, EDU	Date: 3/28/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				/
GREEN, M.D., Josh	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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