

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3216

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 115

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 115 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED ON FUTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE STATE AND NATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

- (1) Expand the selection of world languages offered to students in Hawaii's public schools;
- (2) Consider future workforce needs when deciding which languages to offer; and
- (3) Examine the student body population of high schools as a basis for selecting additional world languages to be taught in public schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's population is extremely linguistically and culturally diverse. Many students in the State's public schools speak a native language other than English at home. Students in Hawaii with roots abroad are an integral part of the future workforce of the State in a wide variety of



industries, including tourism, the military, and technology. Your Committee further finds that these students would benefit from having their native languages taught in public schools.

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. 115 and recommends that it be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary and Labor.

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




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Education**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR115</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM/JDL</i>	Date: <i>3/28/16</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RIVIERE, Gil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
SLOM, Sam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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