

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 42

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. 42 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AT LEAST
ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
COMMUNITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
Board of Education to include at least one individual who is a
representative of the special education community on the Committee
on Weights.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of
Education.

Your Committee finds that students with disabilities
requiring special education are diverse and have a wide range of
needs that are different from those of the student body as a
whole. Special education teachers are often required to tailor
the curriculum to the specific needs of the student. Currently,
special education programs face shortages of resources and
qualified teachers. Representation by the special education
community on the Committee of Weights may help to resolve or
mitigate these serious issues.



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. 42 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



