

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2016

RE: S.R. No. 115
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 115, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ON A BLOCK BASIS IN ADDITION TO ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to study alternate methods of contracting for services for students with disabilities.

Specifically, this measure requests the Department of Education to:

- (1) Conduct a two-year pilot project to implement contracts for services for students with disabilities on a block basis, in addition to the current one-to-one basis;
- (2) Convene a working group to:
 - (A) Determine the nature of services that could be contracted by a block of time to serve more than one student with disabilities;
 - (B) Select, in coordination with the Department of Education, three school sites for participation in the pilot project; and



- (C) Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the delivery of services to students with complex needs utilizing a block contract model and an employee-based model; and
- (3) Submit a progress report to the Legislature prior to the 2017 Regular Session, and a final report prior to the 2018 Regular Session.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Special Education Advisory Council, Community Children's Councils, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education currently provides contract services on a one-to-one basis for students with disabilities who have complex needs. Your Committee also finds that, in addition to not being cost-effective, one-to-one service may cause a student to become overly dependent on the adult support person and inhibit peer-to-peer interaction. Your Committee further finds that purchasing services in a block may allow for greater flexibility in meeting the needs of students with disabilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 115, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

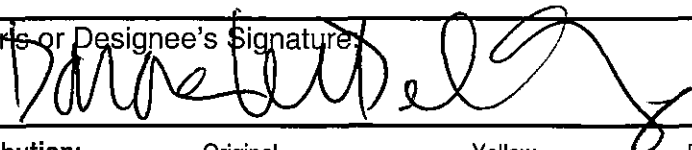


JILL W. FOKUDA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 115, SD1	Committee Referral: EDU/HMS, WAM	Date: 4/5/16		
<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 2312 <input 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)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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