

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3192

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.R. No. 26

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 26 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE FINE ARTS AND HAWAIIAN STUDIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to support an increased emphasis on education in fine arts and Hawaiian studies, including visual arts, music, theatre, dance, Hawaiian and Polynesian studies, Hawaiian language, Native Hawaiian culture, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, and physical education.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Kamehameha Schools, IMUAlliance, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that the adoption of high-stakes standards in Hawaii's schools has emphasized testing and testable subjects such as mathematics and language arts in classrooms throughout the State. As a result, students' opportunities to study arts and cultural studies are often minimized. Recent research indicates that education in music, drama, and the visual arts contributes to increases in reasoning skills.

Your Committees further find that the student population in Hawaii's public schools are ethnically and culturally diverse. Additionally, fifty-two percent of the State's public school students come from economically disadvantaged households. A whole

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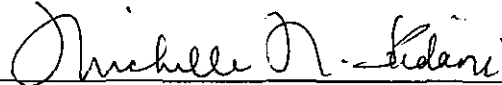
child approach to education, which broadens the curriculum to place greater emphasis on visual arts, music, theater, dance, and culturally relevant subject matter, is an investment in the future of Hawaii's students.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 26 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

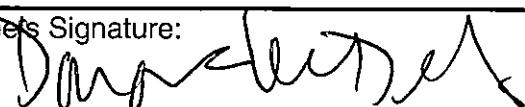


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 26	Committee Referral: EDU / HWN	Date: 3/18/16		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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