

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 76
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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.R. No. 76, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
AFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE TENETS OF TITLE IX OF THE
EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 1972,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

- (1) Affirm its commitment to uphold the tenets of Title IX
of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (Title IX); and
- (2) Study and report on the addition of a Title IX
coordinator to each complex area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Commission on the
Status of Women, Community Alliance on Prisons, American
Association of University Women of Hawaii, American Association of
University Windward, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and
Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Title IX, which prohibits
discrimination on the basis of sex in the administration of any
educational program or activity receiving federal financial
assistance, was enacted more than forty years ago. In that time,
great progress has been made toward eliminating sex discrimination



in education, but more work remains to be done. Until recently, the Department of Education did not have a Title IX coordinator, and access to services and reporting under Title IX remains difficult throughout much of the State. This measure works to help address this by requesting the Department of Education to, among other things, increase accessibility to Title IX information and resources, increase Title IX staff, and provide training on Title IX's protections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 76, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



