

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1547

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 37

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN HAWAI'I TO CONSIDER OFFERING OR CONTINUE OFFERING HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AS AN OPTION OR AN ELECTIVE IN THEIR ACADEMIC CURRICULUM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge private schools in Hawaii to consider offering or continue offering Hawaiian-language instruction as an option or an elective in their academic curriculum, including by surveying interest in learning the Hawaiian language and requesting private schools to look for ways to incorporate Hawaiian language into their curriculum and instruction.

'Aha Pūnana Leo, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Ka Lahui Hawaii Political Action Committee, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education and a concerned individual submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the provision requesting the Department of Education to support the curriculum and instruction of the Hawaiian language in private

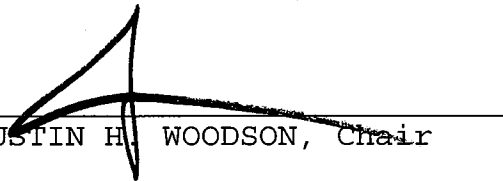
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schools in Hawaii that express interest in adding Hawaiian to their curriculum and instruction.

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 H.C.R. No. 37, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 37, H.D. 1.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



