

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1182

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 53

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE PER-PUPIL FUNDING SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SYSTEM FULFILLS ITS STATUTORY PURPOSE OF EQUALIZING OPERATIONAL FUNDING AMONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request a study on the per-pupil funding system for public charter schools to determine whether the system fulfills its statutory purpose of equalizing operational funding among public schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State Public Charter School Commission, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Native Hawaiian Education Council, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that schools must be funded and supported adequately to be able to meet the educational needs of their students. Your Committee further finds that public charter schools receive a majority of their funding through general fund appropriations based on a general fund per-pupil allotment. Your Committee additionally finds that the purpose of the per-pupil funding system is to equalize operational funding among public



schools. Your Committee also finds that questions have been raised about whether the per-pupil funding system successfully provides equitable funding for public charter schools as compared to schools operated by the Department of Education.

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. 53 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



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 53	EDU, WAM	3/24/17
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{no} Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/	
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		/
ESPERO, Will	/	
RIVIERE, Gil		/
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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