

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 61

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RESTRICT ANY PERSON FROM APPLYING FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IF THAT PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHEN THE SEARCH AND HIRING PROCESS WAS DEVELOPED OR INITIATED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Board of Education to restrict any person from applying for the position of Superintendent of Education if that person was a member of the Board of Education while the search and hiring process was developed or initiated.

Your Committee finds that the Superintendent of Education is an officer of paramount importance for public education in Hawaii. To maintain public confidence in the new Superintendent, the appointment process must be impartial and fair, both in actuality and in perception, for all candidates for the office. For this reason, your Committee supports this measure.

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. 61 and recommends its adoption.



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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



