

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3322

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 119

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.
No. 119 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
EXPLORE STUDENT AID OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND OPT
TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE THE COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM TO EARN A HAWAII ADULT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DIPLOMA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Education to explore student aid options for
students who attend a Department of Education community school for
adults and opt to enroll in and complete the competency-based
community school diploma program to earn a Hawaii adult community
school diploma.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education
provides the competency-based community school diploma program as
an option for adults who do not have a high school diploma to
obtain the Hawaii adult community school diploma. Many graduates
who complete the competency-based community school diploma program
previously relied on federal student aid to attend post-secondary
institutions. However, due to federal student aid requirements,



the University of Hawaii System is unable to qualify Department of Education community school for adults graduates who successfully completed the competency-based community school diploma program for federal student aid. Therefore, alternative solutions are necessary to allow these graduates the opportunity to further their 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.R. No. 119 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



