

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 131
S.D. 1

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. 131 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
ENSURE THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS, HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND FOOD SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Education to ensure that all public school students,
including public charter school students, have equal access to
appropriate educational facilities and food service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and Prince Kūhiō
Hawaiian Civic Club.

Your Committee finds that there are thirty-seven charter
schools serving approximately twelve thousand students, all of
whom should have equal access to appropriate public school food
services, but this is currently not the case. Some charter
schools, especially those in rural areas of Hawaii, are denied
access to national school lunch program subsidies because there
are no United States Department of Agriculture certified kitchens
available, other than those in Department of Education public
schools. Because the Department of Education denies access to



public school food services for charter school students, the State is losing federal school lunch subsidies for qualifying students. Additionally, the lack of appropriate free and reduced food service severely burdens and adversely impacts charter school families. Providing equal access to food services for charter school students ensures that all public school students are provided quality education and school meals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that urges the Department of Education to ensure equal access to educational facilities, including removing the reference to educational facilities in the title;
- (2) Deleting language that urges the Department of Education to provide equitable facility support to charter schools; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 131, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 131, S.D. 1.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



