

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 132

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R.
No. 132 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
COMPLEX AREAS, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT SCHOOL-WIDE
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IN THE STATE'S PUBLIC AND
CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the Department of
Education, complex areas, and charter schools to implement
school-wide restorative justice initiative practices in Hawaii's
public and charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; and
twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that restorative justice is a
values-based approach to community building, problem solving, and
conflict resolution that builds and restores relationships,
creates opportunities for dialogue, repairs harm, transforms
conflict, and creates equitable learning environments in schools.
Studies have shown that restorative justice practices can lead to
reductions in problem behavior, improvements in school climate,
and increases in student achievement, attendance, and graduation
rates. Your Committee believes that implementing restorative

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justice practices in state schools will create positive learning environments for students.

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.R. No. 132 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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JUSTIN E. WOODSON, Chair



