STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3244**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2006

RE: S.R. No. 68

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 68 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF HAWAII MAINTAIN PRESENT STANDARDS IN REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BLIND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the maintenance of the current standard in rehabilitation services for the blind.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Department of Human Services, the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, the East Honolulu Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that both blind and deaf people require specialized rehabilitation and vocational services in order to obtain meaningful employment.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure to also request the maintenance of current standards in rehabilitation services for the deaf.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 68, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 68, S.D. 1.

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STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3244

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services,

Suzanne Chun Cariand Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SR 68	Committee Refer		Date:	Date: 3/24/06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)						
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)		V				
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)		V				
FUKUNAGA, Carol						
HOOSER, Gary L.		V				
KOKUBUN, Russell S.					<u> </u>	
TRIMBLE, Gordon		<u> </u>				
TOTAL		4	0	0	2	
Recommendation:	Adopted		N	lot Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.