STAND. COM. REP. NO. 514

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 4 2007

RE: H.B. No. 598

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 598, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Online Learning Task Force.

The task force is required to develop a systematic plan to expand opportunities for online learning to enhance the learning experiences of students throughout the State.

The Department of Education submitted comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that since 1996 the Department of Education has been operating E-School, an online supplementary program that provides core, elective, and advanced placement credit courses for high school students statewide that are based on the Hawaii content and performance standards. Your Committee also finds that access to knowledge has expanded exponentially due to the availability of the Internet, which has enhanced the learning experiences of many students.

Your Committee further finds that thirty-eight states either have policies in place for online education or offer a state-led online learning program, or both. This measure expands online

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education opportunities designed to meet the increasing demands of students, teachers, and parents.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 598, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*  HB 598 HD1, SD1	Committee Referral: Date: 3/30/07			
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	1			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				
TOKUDA, Jill N.				
HEMMINGS, Fred				
WHALEN, Paul				
TOTAL	9	B	0	2
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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