

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1768

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2007

RE: S.R. No. 69

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 Education, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 69 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
UNDERTAKE A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEDIUM  
BETWEEN "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" AND "TO EACH HIS OWN", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve services by  
requesting the Department of Education to undertake a study to  
determine the most effective medium between the "one size fits  
all" and the "to each his own" approaches.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Hawaii Educational Policy Center and one individual. Comments on  
the measure were also submitted by the Department of Education,  
the College of Education of University of Hawaii, the Hawaii  
Teacher Standards Board, and the Hawaii State Teachers  
Association.

Your Committee finds that there is a teacher shortage in  
Hawaii that is often hampered by the current licensing standards  
imposed by the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Your Committee  
further finds that new or alternative approaches should be  
considered in order to determine appropriate methods for licensing  
qualified teachers, while increasing the teacher pool within the  
State. Under current standards, a "one size fits all" approach  
may not be ideal, although a "to each his own" approach also may  
not be entirely appropriate. Your Committee believes that the

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Department of Education, the Board of Education, and the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, with input from teachers and other interested parties such as the Hawaii State Teachers Association, should be tasked with developing appropriate policies for addressing teacher licensing issues impacting teacher recruitment and retention, as well as for assessing growth and student achievement and statewide curricula issues. However, these issues may be more adequately addressed individually by the most appropriate body.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the title and its contents to include language regarding the need for policies for the Department of Education that address issues raised by the No Child Left Behind Act, current teaching licensing practices and standards, and statewide curricula;
- (2) Changing the purpose to request the Board of Education, the Department of Education, and the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to each develop policies to address one or more of the aforementioned issues; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style.

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. 69, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 69, S.D. 1.

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

  
NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR69</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDU</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">04/04/07</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
HEE, Clayton				<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">P</div>
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
GABBARD, Mike	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">✓</div>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">6</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">0</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">0</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">1</div>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; display: inline-block;">JTH</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Distribution: Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> </div>				

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