

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1490

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 157
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
AGENCIES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARENT CLIENTS TO TURN ON CLOSED
CAPTIONING WHEN THEIR CHILDREN WATCH TELEVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge public and private
agencies to encourage their parent clients to turn on closed
captioning when their children watch television.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one
individual. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be
reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that closed captioning has the ability
to enhance vocabulary, reading speed, word association, and
spelling. Your Committee understands that closed captioning is
not accurate one hundred per cent of the time and certain style
preferences used in closed captioning are different than those
used in school writing classes, however, your Committee believes
the merits outweigh these concerns. Adults can benefit from
reading the closed captioning on television, as it helps a reader
develop English skills and identify errors in spelling, which is a
rapid brain problem solving skill. Television is becoming a large
part of the family dynamic, and by using closed captioning the
television can become a tool to help both adults and children
improve their reading skills.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 H.C.R. No. 157, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 157, S.D. 1.

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


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 157	Committee Referral: HMS	Date: 4/21/04		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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