

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2013

RE: H.R. No. 55 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.R. No. 55 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT A STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS IN PROVINCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH WHICH THE STATE HAS STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand Hawaii's international ties and develop goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii and the people of the Philippines by requesting the Department of Education to support a student exchange program for students in Hawaii public schools and students in provinces in the Republic of the Philippines with which the State has State-Province relationships.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Congress of Visayan Organizations, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that certified copies of the Resolution be sent to the Governors of specific provinces in the Philippines; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 55, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Education in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 55, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,

K. MARK TAKAI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	2/20	1.0
HR55	VMLEDN		3/21	/3
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)				
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	V			
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
5. CHOY, Isaac W.				
6. OHNO, Takashi				
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	V			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	V			
9. TSUJI, Clift	V			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. complified acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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