STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3376

Honolulu, Hawaii APR N 7 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 61

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to further community resilience and prompt, effective response to disasters by encouraging the Department of Education to promote increased participation by schools in the Community Emergency Response Team program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a federally-sponsored program that provides training to the public in disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. The CERT program is currently administered by the counties, and the training is free. Schools may arrange for CERT training for their students, and some high schools within the State have already participated in the program. Your Committee finds that increased participation in the CERT program by schools would benefit local communities and the State as a whole.

Your Committee further finds that individuals with disabilities have participated in the CERT program in the past, and your Committee encourages the Department of Education to include students with disabilities in CERT training activities that take place at Department of Education schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 61 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 6	Committee Referral:			Date: 4/4/16	
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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		\	:		
ESPERO, Will (VC)		/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		3			2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Will Type					
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