

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.R. No. 44  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 44 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES  
FOR PROJECT-BASED LEARNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Education to:

- (1) Convene an advisory committee to identify best practices  
for project-based learning; and
- (2) Provide resources, training, and support to schools and  
educators for project-based learning opportunities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and Hawaii Youth  
Services Network. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that project-based learning fosters  
critical thinking, communication and language skills,  
collaboration, and creativity while motivating students to explore  
new things. Project-based learning also facilitates higher  
quality learning in many different kinds of students by allowing  
students with different learning styles to approach the subject  
matter in the way best suited to their style of learning.



Increased support and the use of best practices for project-based learning would benefit Hawaii's students and lay a foundation for stronger communities throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education has taken steps to implement project-based learning, and that an advisory committee is not necessary for the Department to identify best practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the establishment of an advisory committee and instead request the Department of Education to identify best practices for project-based learning;
- (2) Amending its title to reflect the removal of the advisory committee; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 44, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 44, S.D. 1.

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



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
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