

SCR73 / SR44

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR PROJECT-BASED LEARNING.

Report Title: Department of Education; Project-based Learning; Advisory Committee

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, GREEN, IHARA, Baker, Dela Cruz, Espero, Galuteria, Harimoto, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Nishihara, Riviere, Shimabukuro, Wakai



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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 073 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR PROJECT-BASED LEARNING.

Purpose of Resolution: The Department offers comments on SCR 73/SR 44.

Department's Position:

Schools are currently empowered to make their own decisions on instructional strategies, such as project-based learning, to best meet the needs of their students. Project-based learning is already being implemented in Department and school-level programs and curriculums. Examples range from the Hawaii Virtual Learning Network and Future Ready Learning project to school-level projects such as Waimea High School's Video Rocket class and Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School's Alternative Energy Lab and "Car of the Future" project.

The Department is supportive of schools' efforts to integrate project-based learning into their curriculums. Because schools are already empowered to develop their own instructional approaches, including project-based learning, the Department feels that this resolution is not necessary.

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March 21, 2016

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Education

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 73/SR 44 REQUESTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR PROJECT-
BASED LEARNING**

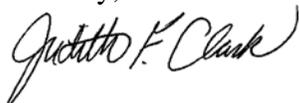
Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 73/SR44 Requesting the Department of Education to Establish an Advisory Committee to Identify Best Practices for Project-Based Learning

When education is interactive and hands-on, students become more engaged in the learning process and are more likely to retain and use the knowledge and skills they have gained. Project-based learning addresses the needs of students with different learning styles – auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learners. Project-based learning has the potential to increase high school graduation rates by keeping children and youth interested and involved in school activities.

Youth who attend the annual Children and Youth Summit at the Capitol have consistently advocated for more project-based and hands-on learning opportunities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director