

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1187

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.R. No. 61

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.
No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RESTRICT
ANY PERSON FROM APPLYING FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION IF THAT PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION WHEN THE SEARCH AND HIRING PROCESS WAS DEVELOPED OR
INITIATED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Board
of Education to restrict any person from applying for the position
of Superintendent of Education if that person was a member of the
Board of Education when the search and hiring process was
developed or initiated.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Native Hawaiian Education Council and two individuals.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii
State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the process of selecting and hiring
the Superintendent of Education is left entirely to the discretion
of the Board of Education. Your Committee further finds that the
Superintendent of Education plays a vital role in developing and
implementing education policy throughout the State. Your
Committee additionally finds that the important role of the
Superintendent of Education underscores the critical need for all



applicants for the position to be thoroughly, fairly, and objectively evaluated.

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. 61 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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