

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 500  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 500, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Statutorily-establishes the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (R.E.A.C.H) Program within the Department of Education (DOE) Community Engagement Office;
- (2) Authorizes the Community Engagement Office to contract with various entities to provide after-school programs to public middle and intermediate schools and to oversee other aspects of the R.E.A.C.H. Program; and
- (3) Establishes the R.E.A.C.H. Program Special Fund to supplement the costs of administering and operating the R.E.A.C.H. Program.




The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of Youth Services, State Public Charter School Commission, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School, Kapolei Middle School, Ka'u-Kea'au-Pahoa Intermediate/Middle School Athletics Program, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, Family Programs Hawaii, Hui for Excellence in Education, Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, High Tech Youth Network, Connections Public Charter School, Hawaii Children's Action Network, American Heart Association, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. DOE testified in support of this measure with amendments. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments on this measure.


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing references in the measure from "Community Engagement Office" to "Department of Education"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 500, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 500, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Education,

  
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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair

  
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DEE MORIKAWA, Chair





