

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23

, 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 156

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 156 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, COMPLEX AREAS, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT SCHOOL-WIDE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IN THE STATE'S PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the Department of Education, complex areas, and charter schools to implement school-wide restorative justice initiative practices in Hawaii's public and charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from We Are One, Inc., and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that restorative justice is a values-based approach to community building, problem solving, and conflict resolution that builds and restores relationships, creates opportunities for dialogue, repairs harm, transforms conflict, and creates equitable learning environments in schools. Studies have shown that restorative justice practices can lead to reductions in problem behavior, improvements in school climate, and increases in student achievement, attendance, and graduation

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rates. Your Committee believes that implementing restorative justice practices in state schools will create positive learning environments for students.

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 H.C.R. No. 156 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 156	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 3/18/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
8. OHNO, Takashi	/			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
12. OKIMOTO, Val			/	
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	9	0	1	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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