

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 7

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.R. No. 7
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MANDATE
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO HOLD QUARTERLY TOWN HALLS TO
RECEIVE CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Board of Education
to mandate the Department of Education to hold quarterly town
halls where students, parents, and community members can voice
their concerns and suggestions to the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Youth Services Network and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there are few options for students
to voice their opinions and concerns directly to the
Superintendent of Education and administration of the Department
of Education. Your Committee further finds that town halls are
public meetings where officials can present their ideas and plans
to the community and hear the community's views and feedback on
those ideas and plans. Your Committee believes that town halls
can serve as the appropriate avenue for students to discuss their
opinions and concerns with the Department of Education
administration.

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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.R. No. 7 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



