

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1116

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 9
H.D. 1

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. 9
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND
CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY INCORPORATING
MORE DIVERSE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES AS CORE
REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Board of Education
and Department of Education to elevate Hawaiian language and
cultural education in public high schools by incorporating more
diverse Hawaiian language and cultural classes as core
requirements throughout secondary education.

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

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiian students represent
the single largest ethnic group in Hawaii's public schools and
deserve a curriculum that is attentive to the perpetuation of
their culture and identity. Your Committee further finds that the
only existing core curriculum requirement at the high school level
dedicated to promoting the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and
language and providing for a Hawaiian education program in public

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schools, as required by article X, section 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution, is the 0.5 credit Modern Hawaiian History class. Your Committee believes Hawaiian education will be of benefit to students of all ethnic backgrounds by contribution to an understanding and appreciation of Hawaii's unique cultural and historical context.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to read "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ELEVATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS BY EXPANDING ACCESS TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CLASSES THAT FULFILL CORE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT SECONDARY EDUCATION;"
- (2) Clarifying that the Board of Education and Department of Education are urged to elevate Hawaiian language and cultural education in public high schools by expanding access to Hawaiian language and cultural classes that fulfill core requirements throughout secondary education;
- (3) Inserting language requesting the Department of Education's Office of Hawaiian Education to identify public school teachers who have received or would like to receive training in Hawaiian language and culture to increase access to Hawaiian content in secondary schools; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 9, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 9, H.D. 1.



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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.: <i>HR 9</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDN, SHA</i>	Date: <i>3/11/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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	/			
TOTAL (12)	11	0	0	1
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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