STAND. COM. REP. NO. 624-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 56 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 56 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A FILIPINO HISTORY, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to implement a social studies course for high school students to learn about Filipino history, culture, and identity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Tinalak Filipino Education Council, Sariling Gawa Youth Council, Filipino Curriculum Project, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that in 2020, news reports indicated that anti-Asian hate crimes had increased nearly one hundred fifty percent in the United States. Your Committee further finds that increased education and understanding of Asian American history and culture and the contributions of Asian Americans can reduce incidents of hostility, violence, and discrimination toward Asian Americans. Your Committee also finds that Filipinos are the

largest Asian ethnic and non-white group in Hawaii, at more than twenty-five percent of the population, and have a large presence and cultural footprint in the State. Your Committee notes that there is currently no mandated curriculum regarding Asian American history in Hawaii schools. Your Committee believes that implementing a social studies course for high school students to learn about Filipino history, culture, and identity will promote positive racial relations and attitudes amongst all ethnic groups.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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.C.R. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1.

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

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Education**

Bill/Resolution No.: HCP-56	Committee Referral: EDN ,しHA	1		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  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)	V ,			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. CLARK, Linda				
5. COSTALES, Luella				
6. GANADEN, Sonny				
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
8. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
9. OHNO, Takashi				
10. QUINLAN, Sean			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.			·	4.4
13. OKIMOTO, Val				
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TOTAL (13)	11			2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  Committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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