

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1675

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 210

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 210 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ON WAYS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OR COURSE CREDITS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL AND EXTERNAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Board of Education to report on ways to increase access to extended learning opportunities or course credits for non-traditional and external learning experiences.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the traditional curriculum and credit system that comprise of a high school diploma, with a primary focus on "four core" subjects of English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science, has not been substantially modified in several decades. However, there has been a recent rise of meaningful, personalized, and high-leverage learning opportunities commonly referred to as expanded or extended learning opportunities, which offer students credit toward graduation upon completion of out-of-school programs. Extended learning opportunities provide students with education that is not confined to a classroom or textbook; rather, students



gain meaningful experience through different avenues such as internships, capstones, independent inquiries, online coursework, and community service.

Your Committee further finds that providing Hawaii's students with options to learn from different sources through varied delivery methods generates a high level of engagement in students that will prepare them for life beyond high school and their chosen career path. While the Department of Education offers flexible learning opportunities through the Alternative Learning Programs Branch for at-risk students, improving access to extended learning opportunities may address ongoing issues of disengagement in student learning. Accordingly, this measure encourages the creation of additional non-traditional educational opportunities to provide students with creative, innovative, and engaging learning experiences during their academic careers.

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 S.C.R. No. 210 and recommends its adoption.


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


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 210	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 4/3/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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