

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1605-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.C.R. No. 190

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 190 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PRODUCE A PLAN FOR ADHERING TO SCHOOL COUNSELOR BEST PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the Department of Education, to produce a plan for adhering to school counselor best practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that school counselors play a critical role in ensuring students' academic, career, social, and emotional development and in promoting equity and access to opportunities and educational experiences for all students. Additionally, school counselors support students' postsecondary access and success by helping them navigate the college admissions process, explore career opportunities, and develop essential life skills and provide preventative and responsive services to help students overcome barriers that may impede their academic and postsecondary success.

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Your Committee also finds that the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recommends a student-to-school counselor ratio of two-hundred-to-one to effectively address the comprehensive needs of all students, yet just sixty-two percent of Hawaii public middle and high schools meet this recommendation. The ASCA recommends that a minimum of eighty percent of a school counselor's time should be spent in direct and indirect student services, yet Hawaii public middle and high school counselors report only being able to spend seventy-three percent of their time on these services.

Your Committee believes that having a twelve-month school counselor can ensure continuity of support for students, particularly for those who may not have access to such support outside of school. Your Committee further believes that providing Hawaii public intermediate, middle, and high school counselors with a more clearly defined job description will help school counselors better address the needs of Hawaii's 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. 190 and recommends its adoption.

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

for Justin LaChica
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 190	Committee Referral: EDN	Date: 3/21/2024	
<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
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/		
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/		
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	/		
4. MARTEN, Lisa	/		
5. MARTINEZ, Rose			/
6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.			/
7. MIZUNO, May Besario	/		
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/		
9. QUINLAN, Sean	/		
10. TODD, Chris			/
11. GARCIA, Diamond	/		
TOTAL (11)	8		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;"> <input type="checkbox"/> committed acronym(s) </div>			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">/</div>			
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