

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2212-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 , 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 162  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ESTABLISH A K-12 KAIAPUNI SCHOOL IN KAPOLEI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to convene a shared-decision making committee to develop an action plan to establish a K-12 Kaiapuni school in Kapolei.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board; Ke 'Alohi 'o 'Ewa; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that culturally grounded educational pathways can strengthen student belonging, identity, and educational outcomes, and that community-driven planning is essential when expanding Kaiapuni, or Hawaiian language immersion, options. Your Committee further finds that establishing a K-12 Kaiapuni school requires organized planning amongst stakeholders to ensure feasibility, staffing, and long-term sustainability.

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This measure requests the convening of a shared decision-making committee to develop an action plan to enable effective action planning and resource allocation to establish a K-12 Kaiapuni school in Kapolei that meets the unique needs of current and future students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that the shared-decision making committee to submit:
  - (A) A progress report on the status of the action plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028; and
  - (B) A final report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2029; and
- (2) 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 S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

*for push la Chica*  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SCR 162 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDN, FIN</b>	Date: <b>4/16/26</b>		
<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. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne				/
7. KILA, Darius K.				/
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	-	-	2
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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