

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1181

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.R. No. 48

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 48 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF REMOTE  
SCHOOLS WHEN REEVALUATING THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Committee on Weights and Board of Education to consider the unique  
needs of remote schools when reevaluating the weighted student  
formula.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Education.

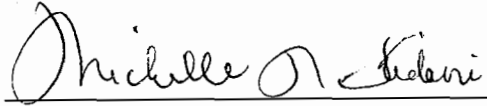
Your Committee finds that remote schools are subject to  
unique circumstances that make them more expensive to operate, per  
pupil, compared to more populous schools. The per pupil funding  
that accommodates the needs of most schools leaves remote schools  
with fewer staff than necessary to provide sufficient high school  
level courses. Special funding considerations need to be made to  
ensure that remote schools are adequately staffed and capable of  
providing all the courses and services students need to graduate.

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.R. No. 48 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



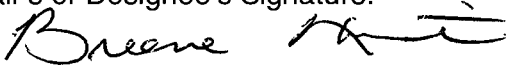
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Education**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 48	EDU, WAM	3/30/15		
<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)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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