

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 173

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 173 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS CHRONIC STUDENT ABSENTEEISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education and Board of Education to develop a strategic plan addressing chronic absenteeism by students that:

- (1) Identifies weaknesses in attendance policies and procedures;
- (2) Specifies the desired outcomes for parent contact and classroom support; and
- (3) Develops effective ways to collect and report data to administrators, guardians and respective neighborhood boards.

A concerned individual supported the measure. A concerned individual supported the measure with amendments. A concerned individual opposed the measure. The Department of Education submitted comments.



Your Committee has amended the measure by clarifying that it is a school administrator or administrative support staff member who should directly communicate with a student's guardians about absences or tardiness by a student.

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. 173, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 173, H.D. 1.

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

Roy M. Takumi
for ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



