

RE: S.R. No. 8

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 8 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDED CHAPTERS 19 AND 89 OF TITLE 8, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to submit a report of the Legislature on the implementation of the amended chapters 19 and 89 of Title 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and American Association of University Women.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii reports a low rate of school violence in every area except bullying. The number of youth in Hawaii who are afraid to go to school or have missed school due to bullying is substantially much higher than the national average. Your Committee further finds that this measure will help reduce bullying and cyberbullying by fostering a positive school climate and facilitating the effective implementation of an evidence-based social and emotional learning program.

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. 8 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair