

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1231
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1231 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide the Department of Education with greater fiscal flexibility by:

- (1) Allowing the Department of Education to retain an appropriation received for disaster relief pursuant to the Major Disaster Fund or as reimbursement for disaster relief at the close of the fiscal year in which the reimbursement was received, with the funds retained not lapsing until June 30 of the first fiscal year of the next fiscal biennium; and
- (2) Specifying that in cases in which the Department of Education expends funds appropriated to the Department for purposes deemed to be reimbursable by federal reimbursement moneys for disaster relief, such moneys will not lapse to the general fund and will be credited directly to the Department, regardless of whether the original appropriation has lapsed.

The Department of Education supported the measure. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

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Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1231, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1231, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



