

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2576
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2576, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and school staff by:

- (1) Requiring all Department of Education classroom doors to be equipped with interior locks and all classrooms and outside gathering spaces to be connected to intercom systems that are independent of a school's phone system; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Education to establish an emergency management plan for all schools to prepare for and respond to an emergency or a disaster.

The American Heart Association and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education provided comments on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that all Department of Education classrooms and outside gathering spaces be connected to an intercom system that is independent of each school's phone system;
- (2) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Education to establish an emergency management plan for all schools;
- (3) Appropriating funds to install interior locks on all classroom doors; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 2576, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2576, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



