

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 2019

RE: S.B. No. 392
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 392 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to provide up to \$1,690 to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that, based on statewide assessments, most special education students in the State's public school system are performing below their current grade levels in reading and math. Closing the achievement gap between special needs students and their general education peers requires investing in additional resources for special education teachers and classrooms. This measure assists special education classroom teachers in purchasing the supplies and instructional materials they need to adequately differentiate their instruction for their students.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank appropriation amount for the Department of Education to provide up to \$1,690 to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriation is blank, the Department of Education's testimony requests an appropriation of \$4,000,000 to provide adequate assistance to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.

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. 392, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 392, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

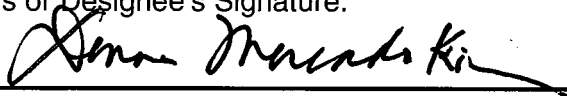
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB392	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2/4/19		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes