

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 65

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2019

RE: S.B. No. 78
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. 78 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Education to contract with a firm that specializes in school finance to study the adequacy of education funding in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii State Teachers Association.

Your Committee finds that adequate funding is crucial to providing each of Hawaii's children with a high-quality educational opportunity. Yet, some studies found that education funding in Hawaii may be lagging in comparison to districts of similar size and cost of living. Insufficient education funding results in higher class sizes, a lack of adequate classroom supplies, elimination of arts and career and technical education courses, budget cuts for special education and English language learner programs, and an increasing number of vacant teacher positions. This measure will help provide a better understanding of the amount of funding necessary to support student learning in



order to prepare children to meet the social and economic demands of the twenty-first century.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing the Department of Education additional time to submit a copy of the study, as well as a report of its findings and recommendations, to the Legislature by extending the due date to twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 78, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 78, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

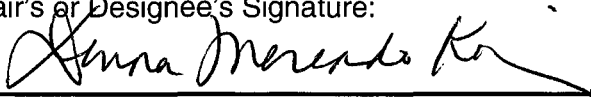
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 78	EDU, WAM	2/1/19
<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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