

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 587

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 587 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that the Board of Education hold at least two community meetings each year in each county to receive public input on public education and public library issues; and
- (2) Remove the restriction on community meetings to allow the meetings to be held for the purpose of formulating educational policy.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committees find that community meetings held by the Board of Education improve the public's access to the Board and



allow the public to provide the Board with more information to help with decision-making and priority setting. However, the Board of Education typically holds meetings in Honolulu, which makes it difficult for community members from the neighbor islands to provide community concerns and input. This measure provides greater access to the Board of Education from communities in each county across the State and allows the Board to hear from more community stakeholders when developing educational policies.

To assist your Committee on Ways and Means with its deliberation on this measure, your Committees note that the Board of Education may need an appropriation of \$10,000 to cover the added travel costs associated with holding at least two community meetings in each county.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that community meetings held by the Board of Education shall be exempt from requirements related to:
  - (A) Including an agenda when the Board provides public notice in accordance with state laws; and
  - (B) Keeping written or recorded minutes of all meetings; and
- (2) Requiring the Board of Education to video record community meetings and make the video recordings available at the next regular meeting.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 587, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 587, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

*Michelle N. Kidani*

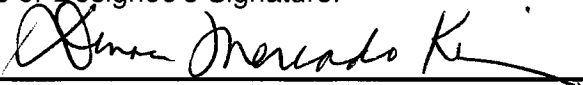
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Education**  
**EDU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 587</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU / PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/16/19</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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