

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 144
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A SCHOOL SUPPLY SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program at Naalehu elementary school; and
- (2) Make an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, provides federal financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure educational success. Your Committee further finds that a pilot program to subsidize school supplies for schools composed entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I would be a useful pilot to identify methods for relieving the financial burden of education on low-income families.



Your Committee finds that Naalehu elementary school is a school composed entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I, as many students who attend Naalehu elementary school live in rural areas and experience geographical challenges such as limited opportunities and isolation from educational resources. This measure will establish a school supply subsidy pilot program at Naalehu elementary school, which will provide teachers, staff, and administrators with the resources to provide students with a more successful learning environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank appropriation amount.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriation is blank, your Committee on Ways and Means should consider the proper appropriation amount for the one-year school supply subsidy pilot program at Naalehu elementary school.

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. 144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 144, 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



