

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 17**, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1834  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds to the Department of Education to establish and administer the Strong Students Grant Pilot Program (Pilot Program) to provide grants for eligible education expenses to eligible students; and
- (2) Require the Department of Education to submit progress reports on the Pilot Program to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has been incredibly disruptive to student learning. Your Committee further finds that many residents living with at least

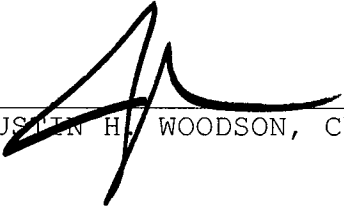


one child under the age of eighteen have seen their combined household income decline and require financial assistance to support their child's education. This measure will provide grants to eligible students for certain eligible education expenses and alleviate the financial burden families in supporting their children.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2051.

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 H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 2.

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

  
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JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



