

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1942
H.D. 1

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. 1942 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to create a three-tiered student bus fare rate system for the Department's school bus program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Budget and Finance, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education provides regular bus service for qualified public school students to facilitate compliance with state and federal laws, which is essential for getting students to and from school, particularly for students who lack other transportation options or face hardship in obtaining transportation to school due to economic difficulty. Your Committee further finds that a student who qualifies for free lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program is eligible for a free bus pass. However, free bus passes do not extend to students who qualify for reduced lunch under the



program. This measure creates a tiered student bus fare system to allow for comparable bus fare rates for students and households that qualify for reduced lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the eligibility for free bus passes by specifying that students who qualify, based on the student's household eligibility, for free lunch or reduced lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program shall be eligible for a free bus pass;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1942, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB1942</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EON, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/10/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. CLARK, Linda				✓
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (12)	11			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Jeanne Kapela</i>				
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