

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

470

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 521

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 521 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Committee on Weights to submit a report to the Legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula within thirty days of the change.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Committee on Weights is responsible for, among other things, reviewing the issue of funding and revising the funding formula to provide for the equitable distribution of funds to all Hawaii public schools. Although there is major concern for insufficient funding for public schools, various Committees on Weights have recommended, and the Board of Education has approved, changes in the formula factor that has increased the weighted student formula base funding at schools. Since these changes affect the well-being of schools and students from all areas, it is important that the Legislature be made aware of these changes.

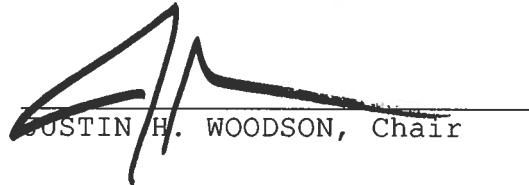
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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the time period for the Committee on Weights to submit a report to the Legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula to within thirty days of the Board of Education approving any changes to the funding formula.

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. 521, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 521, 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.: HB 521	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 2/9/2021		
<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. DeCOITE, Lynn	/			
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)	10			2
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: _____				
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