

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3094
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A VIRTUAL SCHOOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to build a virtual school to allow for distance learning; and
- (2) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to make an emergency appropriation for renovations and electrical upgrades for the virtual school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented disruption to the education of Hawaii's students,



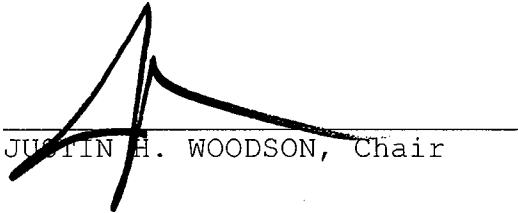
whereby schools were forced to close and education content was delivered through many different avenues, largely virtual and online. Although schools are now resuming in-person education, some virtual learning should continue. This measure provides sufficient funding to create a virtual school to continue to provide virtual learning for students and hire the necessary staff for its operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (2) 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 S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, 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



