Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3094 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 and intent of this measure is to:

(1) Provide an emergency appropriation for a Department of Education virtual school; and

(2) Authorize the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes of renovations and electrical upgrades for a virtual school for the Department of Education.

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

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic disrupted all corners of the State, including education, where teachers and students had to rapidly shift to remote learning. The COVID-19 pandemic required teachers to pivot to be able to provide curriculum, content, and enrichment through

a variety of means, including online videos, assignments, tutorials, and virtual meetings. The pandemic also required the Department of Education to develop remote learning capabilities with unprecedented swiftness.

Your Committee further finds the herculean effort of educators and the Department of Education allowed for education to continue through the end of the 2020 school year and beyond, without jeopardizing the health and safety of students and staff. Your Committee finds, however, that additional support is needed to maintain and improve on the gains made with respect to remote learning.

Accordingly, this measure provides vital funding to establish and operate a virtual school within the Department of Education to ensure the continued success and refinement of the provision of remote learning services, and authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for necessary and related renovations and electrical upgrades.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, 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,
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> _____
> MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312   ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311   ☐ Hold 2310   ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:

☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

[signature]

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