

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 863
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 863 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to:

- (1) Conduct an electrical assessment on all public and charter schools in the State to determine whether their electrical capacity will allow for the installation of air conditioning units and other air purifying devices and note the level of need in each classroom; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that many Hawaii schools face extreme heat in their classrooms. Your Committee further finds that research demonstrates that the longer and more consistently



students are exposed to classroom cooling, the better and more stable their performance gains tend to be. Conversely, students exposed to thermal conditioning for only short or intermittent periods of time achieved less than their peers. Further, proper cooling systems lead to better attitudes toward learning, fewer disciplinary problems, and sustained achievement. This measure is a step towards ensuring that classrooms are of suitable temperatures for successful student learning.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the Department of Education shall only be required to complete the electrical assessment on all public and conversion charter schools.

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. 863, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 863, 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,




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 863	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 02/08/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes