

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1674

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 28  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 28 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
CREATE A PRIORITY LIST FOR REPAIRING PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRE ALARM  
SYSTEMS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Education to create a priority list for repairing  
public school fire alarm systems.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that properly functioning fire alarm  
systems are essential for public school safety. Accordingly, the  
National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code requires  
schools to have functioning fire alarm systems. Your Committee  
notes that twenty percent of Hawaii's two hundred fifty-seven  
public schools are more than one hundred years old, and at greater  
risk for severe fire damage. On certain campuses, such as King  
Intermediate School on Oahu and Konawaena Elementary School on  
Hawaii Island, fire alarm systems were out of service for several  
years, posing a significant risk to students, faculty, and staff  
in the event of a fire. As properly functioning fire alarms can  
be the difference between life and death, this measure addresses



safety concerns at public schools to ensure the safety of occupants and prevent significant structural damage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Education to also consider acceptable alternatives to school fire alarm systems; and
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 28, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 28, S.D. 1.

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

  
MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SR 28</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">EDU</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">4/3/2023</div>		
<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 <div style="margin-left: 40px;">2312</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <div style="margin-left: 40px;">2311</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <div style="margin-left: 40px;">2310</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <div style="margin-left: 40px;">2313</div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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