

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **376**

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

**FEB 14**

RE: H.B. No. 332

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 332 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Shade and Fruit Tree Program in the Department of Education; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Shade and Fruit Tree Program and for an arborist position to support the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Trees for Honolulu's Future, 350Hawaii.org, Smart Trees Pacific, and nineteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that hotter temperatures induced by climate change affect a student's ability to play, gather, and learn outside while attending school. Your Committee further finds that one strategy to reduce the effect of hotter temperatures on students in public schools is to increase the tree canopy on school campuses, which will not only provide shade and



heat reduction, but also will absorb storm water, clean the air, beautify campuses, and help reach county and state environmental goals. This measure will establish the Shade and Fruit Tree Program to help grow native shade trees and fruit trees that will provide a comfortable shade in public school campuses throughout the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education may support schools plant and propagate either native shade trees or fruit trees through the Shade and Fruit Tree Program;
- (2) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000; and
- (3) 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 H.B. No. 332, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 332, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 332	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/9/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EDN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	/			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	/			
6. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
7. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
8. TODD, Chris	/			
9. GARCIA, Diamond				
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	8			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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