

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 862
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 862, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve school transportation.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the use of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services, provided that certain conditions are met, pursuant to the Governor's August 2024 emergency proclamation on school bus services;
- (2) Requires the State to upgrade to zero-emission school buses by 2045; and
- (3) Requires state agencies to prioritize zero-emission buses in the procurement policy for purchasing or leasing motor vehicles.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii State



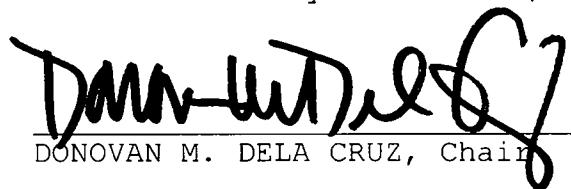
Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee recognizes the critical role of school bus services in education, especially for students in rural or disadvantaged areas, and the impact that the current nationwide shortage of school bus drivers in the State has had, including route suspensions. Your Committee finds that this measure aims to address this shortage by making permanent an emergency exemption that allows the use of alternative vehicles to transport students. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's environment will benefit from the transition to zero-emission buses by 2045 and the prioritization of zero-emission vehicles in state procurement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 862, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB862 HD1 SD1	Committee Referral: TCA, WAM	Date: 4/21/2025		
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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