

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 34
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.C.R.
No. 34 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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 received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education.

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.C.R. No. 34, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 34, S.D. 1.

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

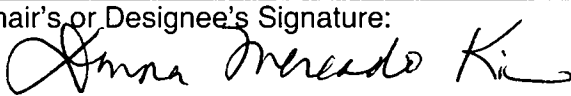


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 34	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 4/3/2023		
<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)	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	/			
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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