

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

465

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 812
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 812 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds to the Department of Education to establish a three-year pilot program to develop a trauma-informed education program in the Castle, Kailua, and Kalaheo complexes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network; HawaiiKidsCAN; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that incorporating trauma-informed education in the State's public education system will help to address adverse childhood experiences and shift the mindset of schools from discipline-oriented to relationship-oriented and from exclusionary practices to inclusionary practices, which can help reduce suspension rates. In the Nanakuli-Waianae complex area, trauma-informed education has been incorporated into its schools and, since 2015, this complex area has seen a reduction in the

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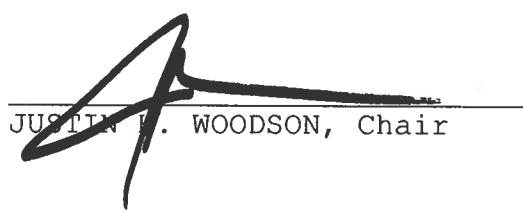
suspension and absenteeism rates and an increase in graduation and teacher retention rates. This measure will establish a three-year pilot program to develop a similar trauma-informed education program in the Castle, Kailua, and Kalaheo complexes to reduce violence and absenteeism and help students to improve in their academic performance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 812, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 812, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN L. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 812		Committee Referral: EDN, FIN		Date: 2/16/2021	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <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)					
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓				
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓				
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓				
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓				
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓	
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓				
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓				
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓				
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓				
TOTAL (12)		11	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 					
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