

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

771

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2021

RE: S.B. No. 863
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 863, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote healthy working and learning environments for teachers and students.

More specifically, this measure requires the Department of Education to:

- (1) Conduct an electrical assessment on all public and conversion charter schools in the State to determine whether the school's electrical capacity will allow for the installation of air conditioning units and other air purifying devices; and
- (2) Report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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

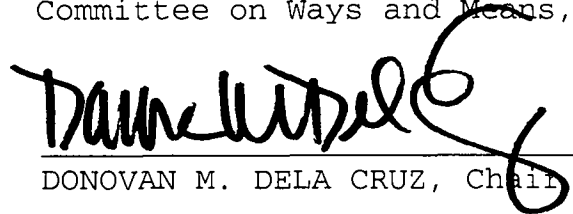


Your Committee finds that the proper use of air purifying devices can help to reduce the amount of airborne contaminants, including the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019, that are present in indoor settings. Your Committee also finds that research by the United States Department of Education has shown that the use of cooling systems leads to students having better attitudes toward learning, fewer disciplinary problems, and sustained achievement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 863, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 863, S.D. 2.

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

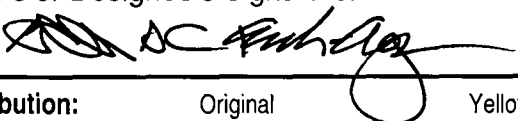


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 863 , SD 1	EDU, WAM	2/26/21		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes