

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

478

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 613
H.D. 2

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. 613, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund (ESSER funds) monies received by the State from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136 (CARES Act), and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 (CRRS Appropriations Act) to offset any budget reductions that are identified or proposed by the Department of Education and the Governor that would result in the reduction of personnel who are subject to a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and who are employed at the school level, subject to certain requirements and conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hui for Excellence in Education, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

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Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is the only public education system in the country that is wholly state funded, resulting in the Department facing unique challenges to utilizing federal funds to offset the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committee further finds that for states who received certain federal funds, including ESSER funds established by the CARES Act and CRRS Appropriations Act, are required to assure that they will maintain support for education programs during fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 by meeting certain benchmarks. Your Committee believes that this measure will allocate funds to maintain that support by ensuring that Department of Education employees at the school level continue to remain employed and not face layoffs, furloughs, or pay reductions.

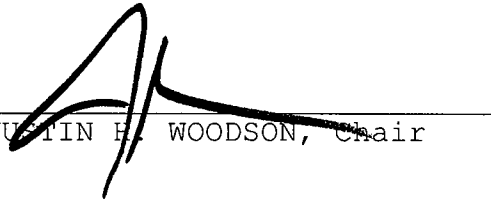
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language noting that the State is not currently experiencing a precipitous decline in revenues, as this language may jeopardize future federal funding;
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of ESSER funds received by the State from the CARES Act and CRRS Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2020-2021 as an emergency appropriation to be expended by the Department of Education for the same purpose as the appropriation of ESSER funds received by the State from the CARES Act and CRRS Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and subject to the same requirements and conditions;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (4) 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. 613, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 613, H.D. 2, 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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB613, HD1	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)	10	1	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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