STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2178

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2069

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2069 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for the establishment of three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) curriculum specialist II positions and ten full-time equivalent (10.0 FTE) classroom teacher positions for Ka Papahana Kaiapuni schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Malama Makua, Hui Makua O Pū'ōhala, Native Hawaiian Education Council, Nā Leo Kāko'o, a petition from Hui Mākua signed by sixty-three individuals, a petition from Hui Mākua Palapala Noi signed by nineteen individuals, a petition signed by thirty-nine individuals, and two hundred three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the demand for Hawaiian language immersion education has experienced significant growth in the last decade. Presently, twenty-two Ka Papahana Kaiapuni schools offer Hawaiian language immersion education for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. However, additional teaching and staffing resources are needed to provide high quality educational experiences for Ka Papahana Kaiapuni students, as demand for

Hawaiian language immersion education has outpaced teaching and operational support. Presently, there are one hundred fifty-two teachers and four curriculum specialists who support the Hawaiian language immersion education programs across the State. Therefore, this measure increases opportunities for prospective students interested in Hawaiian language immersion education while ensuring adequate staffing for new and existing schools.

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 S.B. No. 2069 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Refer	1	Date:	) 
SB2069	EDU, WAM 1/31/2024			
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:  Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Ay	/e Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)				
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)				
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "T	im"			/
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  The Mercado Ki				
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