

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2017

RE: S.B. No. 616

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 616 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that each public school has a part-time or full-time library;
- (2) Require the Department of Education to develop a plan to ensure that each school has a part-time or full-time library; and
- (3) Appropriate monies to the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that a close and thorough experience with libraries is critically important to the growth and development of Hawaii's students. Some books that students might need are not available in a digital format, and some students lack the resources to purchase all the books that they require. Your Committee further finds that many students in rural areas lack access to libraries, and some students enter high school with no library experience whatsoever.



This measure will provide funding for the Department of Education to develop a plan to ensure all students have access to a part-time or full-time library at their school.

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. 616 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,



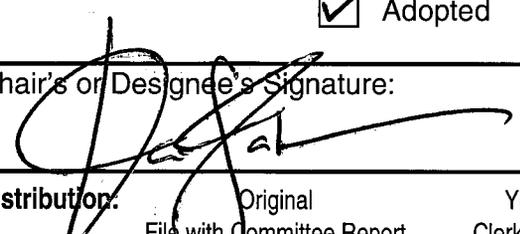
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 616</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU, WAM</i>	Date: <i>1/30/2017</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ESPERO, Will				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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