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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-1303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3           "**§302A-1303.5 Committee on weights.** (a) There is  
4 established within the department of education the committee on  
5 weights to develop a weighted student formula pursuant to  
6 section 302A-1303.6. The committee may:

7           (1) Create a list of student characteristics that will be  
8 weighted;

9           (2) Create a system of weights based upon the student  
10 characteristics that may be applied to determine the  
11 relative cost of educating any student;

12           (3) Determine specific student weights, including their  
13 unit value;

14           (4) Determine which moneys shall be included in the amount  
15 of funds to be allocated through the weighted student  
16 formula;



- 1 (5) Recommend a weighted student formula to the board of  
2 education;
- 3 (6) Perform any other function that may facilitate the  
4 implementation of the weighted student formula; and
- 5 (7) Meet not less than once every odd-numbered year, to  
6 review the weighted student formula and, if the  
7 committee deems it necessary, recommend a new weighted  
8 student formula for adoption by the board of  
9 education.
- 10 (b) The composition of the committee on weights shall be  
11 determined by the board of education based on recommendations  
12 from the superintendent of education and dean of the University  
13 of Hawaii at Manoa college of education and include principals,  
14 teachers, and other members with the appropriate professional  
15 skills, experiences, and qualifications needed to facilitate the  
16 work of the committee. The superintendent or the  
17 superintendent's designee shall chair the committee on weights.
- 18 (c) The committee on weights may form advisory  
19 subcommittees to obtain input from key stakeholders as  
20 determined necessary by the committee.



1 (d) The members of the committee on weights shall serve at  
2 the pleasure of the board of education and shall not be subject  
3 to section 26-34. Members of the committee on weights shall  
4 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,  
5 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of  
6 their duties.

7 (e) The committee on weights shall submit a report to the  
8 legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula within  
9 thirty days of the board of education approving any changes to  
10 the funding formula."

11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



# H.B. NO. 521 H.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Funding Formula; Committee on Weights; Reporting

**Description:**

Requires the committee on weights to submit a report to the legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula within thirty days of the board of education approving any changes to the funding formula. (HD1)

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