STAND. COM. REP. NO. 673

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 4 2021

RE: S.B. No. 811

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 811 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 require the Department of Education to publish a weekly report on schools that have reported positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that although the Department of Education has stated that it has communication policies and set procedures in place to address COVID-19 cases, it generally has not provided information about positive COVID-19 test result cases on all school campuses and the limited information that it has shared has been inconsistent and incomplete. Your Committee further finds, in particular, that the Department of Education does not publicize positive COVID-19 cases listed by school. This measure will require that the Department of Education reports

positive COVID-19 cases, which will allow students, teachers, and communities to make informed decisions on how to proceed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 811 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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Bill / Resolution No.:*  58811	Committee Referral: EDU, JDC		1	Date: 2   17   21	
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					
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Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V	L		
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)		>			
ACASIO, Laura			<b>✓</b>		
GABBARD, Mike		>			
KIM, Donna Mercado	-	<b>V</b>			
LEE, Chris		>			
FEVELLA, Kurt		>			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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