

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1741

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 , 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 154

S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 154, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO MAINTAIN TEACHERS AND SCHOOL-LEVEL PERSONNEL AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING A PANDEMIC WHEN CONTEMPLATING EMERGENCY FURLOUGHS AND LAYOFFS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the Governor to maintain teachers and school-level personnel as essential workers during a pandemic when contemplating emergency furloughs and layoffs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has drastically changed the State's education system, ultimately forcing teachers, school-level personnel, and students to adjust to remote online learning and blended classes. In addition to the impact on the education system in the State, the COVID-19 pandemic further devastated the economy, thereby requiring the State to look at making potential cuts to the State's budget, including furloughing teachers and other school-level personnel. Teachers play a vital role in providing

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education to the youth of the State and other school-level personnel provide the necessary support to ensure that the youth receive a quality education. This measure is necessary to ensure that teachers and other school-level personnel are considered essential workers to avoid any potential furloughs or layoffs during a state of emergency in order to provide quality education in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 154, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Pandemic &  
Disaster Preparedness,

  
for LINDA ICHIKAWA, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SCR 154, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PDP, FIN</i>	Date: <i>4/6/21</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
PDP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. ELI, Stacelynn K.M. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				✓
9. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 200px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Linda Schirger</i>				
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