

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3498

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1942
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to establish a tiered student bus fare rate system to include free bus passes for students and households that qualify for free or reduced lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Mahiku A'o Mai. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education provides critical student transportation services, particularly for students who lack other transportation options or face hardship in obtaining transportation to school due to economic difficulty. Your Committee further finds that a student who qualifies for free lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program is eligible for a free bus pass. However, free bus passes do not extend to students who qualify for reduced lunch under the program. Accordingly, this measure expands access to student



transportation services by establishing a tiered student bus fare system to allow for comparable bus fare rates for students and households that qualify for reduced lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1942, HD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/23/22
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Donna Mercado Kim

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