STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 3 1 ' 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 51 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 51 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS ON HAWAII ISLAND THAT ARE REGULARLY AFFECTED BY VOG,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to prioritize funding for air conditioning in schools on Hawaii island that are regularly affected by vog.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that vog, or volcanic smog, is a form of air pollution that occurs when volcanic emissions react with moisture, oxygen, and sunlight. When volcanic eruptions occur on Hawaii island, prevailing wind patterns typically push vog emissions westward, where they accumulate over North and South Kona and Kau and affect the air quality to the point where it poses significant health risks.

Your Committee further finds that public health recommendations to reduce exposure to vog include staying indoors with windows closed and using an air filter. However, in schools

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without air conditioning, it can be very difficult to follow the recommendations and keep a healthy learning environment at the same time. Your Committee believes that providing schools on Hawaii island that are regularly affected by vog with air conditioning units will create a safer, more comfortable, and more effective learning environment for students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including information on how hot temperatures negatively impact the ability of students to learn, especially in West Hawaii island and in particular the Kona area, and how using available energy efficient technology reduces the cost of air conditioning installation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 51, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 51, H.D. 1.

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

WJUSTIN H. WOLLSON, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

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HORSI FON	EDN, FIN		03/24/2022	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)				
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. CLARK, Linda				
5. COSTALES, Luella				
6. GANADEN, Sonny				
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
8. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
9. OHNO, Takashi			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	V
10. QUINLAN, Sean	V			
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
13. OKIMOTO, Val				
TOTAL (13)				2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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