

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4070

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 51
H.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.C.R. No. 51, H.D. 1, 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 and intent 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 volcanic smog (vog).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee finds that vog, a naturally occurring form of air pollution from volcanic emissions, can pose significant health risks. Vog can affect all residents of the State, but acutely impacts Hawaii island residents, where prevailing wind patterns typically push vog emissions westward, accumulating over North and South Kona and Ka'u. Children in these areas are generally more sensitive to vog than adults because children have higher respiratory rates than adults, meaning they take more breaths per minute.



Your Committee further finds that the installation of air conditioning units in Hawaii island classrooms will create safer and more effective learning environments that better protect students from vog. Accordingly, this measure promotes the health and well-being of the students who are most often affected by vog by requesting the Department of Education to prioritize funding for classroom air conditioning for those students.

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, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

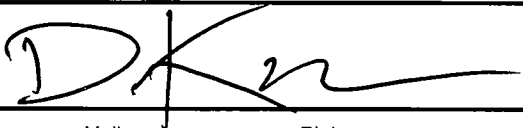


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 51 HD1	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 4/25/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes