

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2996

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2181
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2181, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require certain unlicensed but accredited private schools to annually submit health and safety documentation to fall within the definition of "private schools" pursuant to section 302A-1132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding compulsory attendance.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools.


Your Committees find that the Legislature passed Act 227 (2019), which defines a private school to be an education institution that teaches kindergarten through grade twelve and that is licensed or accredited by certain licensing or accrediting organizations, in order to assure parents who send their child to a private school that the school meets certain standards and criteria in providing a safe learning environment. Your Committees further find that the Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS) is the licensing entity that ensures that all of Hawaii's private and parochial schools are healthy, safe, and sustainable institutions of learning for faculty, staff, and students. According to testimony received by your Committee, although all



HCPS-licensed schools are required to submit annual verifications of the health and safety information documents required by various state and county agencies, the health and safety documents of private schools that are accredited by one or more national accrediting agencies recognized by the HCPS are only verified by reaccreditation visiting teams every five to ten years. This measure will ensure that all private schools in Hawaii are in full compliance with the health and safety standards of the State by requiring that they submit health and safety documentation on an annual basis.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2181, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2181, SDI	EDU, JDC/WAM	03-02-22


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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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WAM**


Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2101, SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, JDC/WAM	Date: 3/2/22
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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit
 2312 2311 2310 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			

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