

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1683

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2023

RE: H.R. No. 121

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.R. No. 121 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS TO RECOMMEND, AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT, A WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA THAT GIVES GREATER CONSIDERATION TO SMALL AND REMOTE SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request a review of the weighted student formula to consider greater allocations for small and remote rural schools.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and testimony in support of this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the way schools are funded through the weighted student formula creates a disparity for schools that have small populations and are remote. These schools may struggle to meet the minimum staffing needs for their students. As demographics change across the State your Committee finds it appropriate for the Committee on Weights to reevaluate the consideration given to small and remote schools as requested in this measure.



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.R. No. 121 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

Justin Woodson

FOR JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 121	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date: 3/23/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input 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)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
5. LA CHICA, Trish	/			
6. MARTINEZ, Rose				/
7. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	/			
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	/			
10. TODD, Chris				/
11. GARCIA, Diamond				/
TOTAL (11)	8			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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