

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1292

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: S.B. No. 1518  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 1518, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily provide procurement exemptions for the Department of Education for certain goods, services, and construction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that, as the largest department in the State with two hundred ninety-five schools and forty-two thousand salaried and part-time employees, the Department of Education must procure numerous goods, services, and construction to run its operations. However, the Hawaii public procurement code requires the Department of Education to comply with procurement laws for its purchases triggered by certain threshold amounts. Furthermore, the electronic procurement system places a heavy burden on school administrators and further strains their already limited time and resources because of the system's complicated and

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onerous nature. Your Committee believes that exempting the Department of Education from small purchase procurement requirements will help the Department timely procure necessary goods, services, and construction.

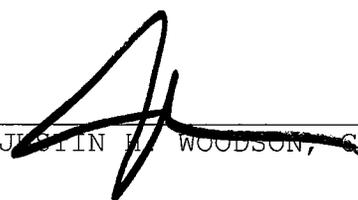
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the concerns raised by the State Procurement Office in its written testimony.

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 S.B. No. 1518, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1518, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

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

  
JUSTIN D. WOODSON, Chair



