

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 209

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2023

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1518 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to 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 the Department of Education is the largest department in the State with two hundred ninety-five schools and forty-two thousand salaried and part-time employees, which must procure numerous goods, services, and construction to run its operations. Presently, the Department of Education is mandated to comply with procurement laws for its purchases depending on certain threshold amounts. However, school administrators seeking to address repair and maintenance backlogs face delays and difficulties from the mandated use of the Department of Education's electronic procurement system. To ensure efficiency in Department of Education operations, abbreviating certain small purchase procurement requirements for



the Department of Education will allow the Department to procure necessary goods and services and construction in a more timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that Department of Education expenditures less than \$50,000 for goods and services and less than \$125,000 for construction shall be subject to administrative rules of the State Procurement Office; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1518, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

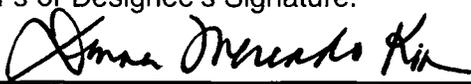


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1518</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/8/23</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)		/		
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"		/		
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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