STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2176

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 0 7 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2635

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2635 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education for operational expenses, including the hiring of staff.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and CARES.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education operates two hundred forty-eight public schools statewide. As the only statewide school district in the United States, the Department of Education has an ambitious mandate that requires efficient, streamlined operations. Therefore, additional resources such as funding for adequate staffing levels is essential for operations to continue. This measure provides additional funding to the Department of Education to ensure continuity of operations and education of Hawaii's keiki.

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. 2635 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)		/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		5			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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