

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2026

RE: S.B. No. 896
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.
No. 896 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the law
relating to education.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted
and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which
amends this measure by deleting its contents and replacing it with
language to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to submit annual
reports to the Legislature outlining certain information
concerning capital improvement projects and facilities;
- (2) Require the reports to be posted on the Department's
website annually in a searchable format;
- (3) Provide that any capital improvement project funds
encumbered for more than five years without commencement
of construction shall be specifically identified and
justified, or shall be subject to legislative review for
reversion or reassignment; and



- (4) Establish a five-year pilot program authorizing the Superintendent of Education to redesignate funded, vacant positions in the Office of Facilities and Operations as positions exempt from Hawaii's Civil Service Laws for the purpose of hiring qualified professionals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

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. 896, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Education, in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 896, S.D. 1, for further consideration.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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*Only one measure per Record of Votes