

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 31

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 31 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION, TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
LICENSING, TRAINING, AND WORKFORCE PIPELINE FOR SCHOOL BUS  
DRIVERS IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department  
of Education, to evaluate and recommend improvements to the  
licensing, training, and workforce pipeline for school bus drivers  
in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation, Mayor of the County of  
Hawaii, Mayor of the County of Kaua'i, Department of Customer  
Services of the City and County of Honolulu, two members of the  
Hawaii County Council, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, and three  
individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that reliable transportation is  
necessary to ensure equitable access to public education for



students across the State, particularly in rural and neighbor island communities. However, persistent shortages of qualified school bus drivers have resulted in route cancellations, service disruptions, and barriers to consistent school attendance for many students. Challenges relating to commercial driver's licensing access, testing availability, training coordination, and geographic inequities in licensing opportunities are significant factors that contribute to school bus driver shortages. This measure will address these shortages and support improvements in interagency coordination and targeted policy reforms to expand the pool of qualified school bus drivers in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 31 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



