

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 318, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Staggered School Start Time Task Force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a Staggered School Start Times Program in Hawaii's public school system, including examining staggering the start times of Department of Education schools to achieve more efficient and cost-effective school bus service schedules for grades kindergarten through twelve. This measure also appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to the Department of Education to carry out the study.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Education provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 318, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair