

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2038
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: H.B. No. 318
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, 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 and intent of this measure is to establish a staggered school start times task force.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Superintendent of Education or the Superintendent's designee to convene a staggered school start times task force to evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program in the State's public schools;
- (2) Requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys to the Department of Education for the task force.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hawaii State Teachers Association and Oahu County Democrats.

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

Your Committee finds that staggered school start times may improve students' academic and extracurricular performance and overall health. However, your Committee believes that the potential detriments of staggered school start times, including scheduling conflicts and negative impacts on community traffic patterns, necessitates further analysis of the issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair