

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 318

H.D. 1

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

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 318 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 Times 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.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, Democratic Party of Hawaii's Education Caucus, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Education offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 318, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 318, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Lower
& Higher Education,

JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair