

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2552  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 2552 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve teacher recruitment  
and retention by:

- (1) Requiring at least one member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to come from a non-teaching background;
- (2) Allowing the Board of Education to consider hiring to teach certain subjects individuals with bachelor's or higher degrees in those subjects and who have prior experience in teaching or teacher training; and
- (3) Authorizing the Department of Education (DOE) to expand on the standardized statewide Teacher Induction Program, which supports newly hired teachers.

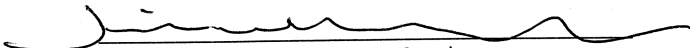
The Office of the Governor and Charter School Administrative Office testified in support of this bill. The University of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported the intent of this measure. HTSB, the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and two concerned individuals opposed this bill. DOE and a concerned individual offered comments.



Upon further consideration, your Committees have amended this bill by replacing its entire contents. Specifically, the bill was amended by inserting an appropriation to provide bonus stipends to teachers who have achieved national board certification under the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, who agree to teach and mentor for at least two years in a school in need of improvement.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2552, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2552, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Labor & Public Employment,

  
KIRK CALDWELL, Chair

  
ROY TAKUMI, Chair





