

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2527
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2527, 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 help improve the public education system in the State by requiring, among other things:

- (1) The Department of Education to establish a consistent performance management program that includes an evaluation component for teachers and educational officers; and
- (2) That teachers entering the service of the Department of Education for the first time serve a minimum probationary period of three years.

The Governor supported this bill. The Hawaii State Teachers Association, IMUAlliance, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided comments.

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

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.

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2527, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2527, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



