

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2597
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2597, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help ensure that students in all schools are taught by highly motivated, highly qualified teachers who are fairly compensated. Specifically, this measure enhances the Teacher National Board Certification Incentive Program by making the additional \$5,000 per year bonus for teachers who maintain current national board certification available to teachers who teach at a school in a focus, priority, or superintendent's zone and deleting obsolete references.

The Department of Education and IMUAlliance testified in support of this measure. Hawaii State Teachers Association commented on this measure.

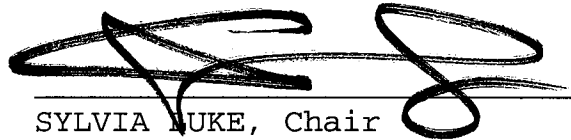
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 2597, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2597, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



