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# Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2597,HD2(sscr2970) RELATING TO TEACHERS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes under the teacher national board certification incentive program an additional per year bonus for teachers who maintain current national board certification and teach at a school in a focus, priority, or superintendent's zone. Deletes obsolete references. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2597 HD2)

## **Department's Position:**

The Department of Education strongly supports the substantive content of HB 2597, HD2 (sscr2970). The bill now aligns and is consistent with the current method to evaluate school performance (Strive HI Performance System).

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.