

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1204

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.R. No. 59

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Higher Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 59 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO EARN TEACHING DEGREES AND BECOME FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education and University of Hawaii System to develop programming and educational supports for educational assistants and long-term substitute teachers to earn teaching degrees and become full-time certified teachers.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees' Association, AFSCME Local 152; Hawaii State Teachers Association; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is experiencing a teacher shortage crisis, resulting in overcrowding and classes that are taught by educational assistants and long-term substitute teachers. Your Committees further find that educational assistants and substitute teachers frequently face significant obstacles to pursuing teacher certification requirements,



including scheduling difficulties, lack of financial resources, and scarcity of adequate certification programming.


Your Committees have heard the testimony of the University of Hawaii System expressing concerns that stipend funding to assist educational assistants and substitute teachers will require additional resources. Your Committees request that if your Committee on Ways and Means passes this measure, that it further examine the issue of funding for stipends.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 59 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Higher Education,



KAIALA I. KAHELE, Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR59	EDU/HRE, WAM	3/28/2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	X			
ESPERO, Will	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Will Espo</div>				
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