

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1190

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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1190 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the national board certification incentive program to provide monetary incentives to school psychologists; and
- (2) Authorize continuing bonuses for school psychologists in certain designated schools if the schools improve and no longer carry that designation.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of School Psychologists, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Government Employees Association AFSCME Local 152, National Association of School Psychologists, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committees find that highly qualified mental health providers play an important role in schools and facilitate the good mental health of students. The rigorous training, supervision, and testing required of school psychologists to obtain national certification is comparable to national teacher certification. Your Committees further find that Hawaii's public



schools have a low retention rate for school psychologists, and many positions remain vacant for prolonged periods of time. This measure will provide incentives for highly qualified school psychologists to work in Hawaii's public schools.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1190 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB1190	EDU/CPH, NAM	2/9/17
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/	
CHANG, Stanley	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
IHARA, Jr., Les		/
KIDANI, Michelle N.		/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		/
TOTAL	4	3
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;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>		
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