

HB-2162-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2018 8:44:11 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/16/2018 2:50:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Villalobos	Testifying for Hawaii Teacher Standards Board Chairperson	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2162-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2018 3:06:54 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/16/2018 2:50:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. **HB2162 HD1** relating to Charter Schools; Teacher Incentives; Teacher Bonuses; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. **HB2162 HD1** and supports its passage.

House Bill No. **HB2162 HD1**, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it clarifies that funds for bonuses required by statute or collective bargaining shall not be paid out of a charter school's facilities funding or per-pupil funds; beginning with fiscal year 2018-2019, requires that such bonuses be separate line items in the budget; and appropriates funds for teacher bonuses for hard-to-fill placement incentives and National Board certified teacher incentives for charter school teachers.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "[e]ducation shall be respected as a valuable resource and those pursuing a profession in education shall be compensated with a competitive wage based on national standards while taking into consideration the state's cost of living. We support hiring the most qualified individuals to be teachers and administrators for our educational system. We also support and value the universities and colleges that prepare educators and provide advanced degrees." (Platform of the DPH, P. 6, Lines 304-308 (2016)).

Given that **HB2162 HD1** clarifies that funds for bonuses required by statute or collective bargaining shall not be paid out of a charter school's facilities funding or per-pupil funds; beginning with fiscal year 2018-2019, requires that such bonuses be separate line items in the budget; and appropriates funds for teacher bonuses for hard-to-fill placement incentives and National Board certified teacher incentives for charter school teachers, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

Email: legislativepriorities@gmail.com, Text/Tel.: (808) 258-8889