

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2019

RE: H.B. No. 615  
H.D. 3  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 615, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the Board of Education membership by inviting the exclusive representative for Bargaining Unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher representative to the Board, subject to certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education (Board), consisting of nine members and none of whom are required to be public school teachers, is given the power to formulate statewide educational policy. As such, the appointment of a current public school teacher, as a nonvoting member, to the Board will provide first-hand experience and expertise on the educational climate in Hawaii's public schools and explain the resources teachers need to help Hawaii's students. Additionally, this measure provides the Board with insight into current and proposed educational practices




and policies and the effects of those practices and policies on teachers, students, and the community.

Your Committee has amended this measure by reinstating the language that appears in H.B. No. 615, H.D. 2 (Regular Session 2019), which clarifies the applicability of the ethics code to the nonvoting public school teacher representative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 615, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 615, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



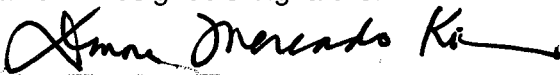
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 615, HD3	EDU, JDC	3/18/19		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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