

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2823
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2823 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a school psychologist national certification incentive program; and
- (2) Make an appropriation to fund the incentive program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hui for Excellence in Education, Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists, and eighteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that mental and behavioral health experts are needed in schools now more than ever. Your Committee further finds that public schools in the State continue to suffer from a chronic shortage of qualified education professionals. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will promote student mental health and well-being and help address the shortage of qualified education professionals by establishing an incentive



program to encourage the hiring and retention of credentialed school psychologists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the parameters of the incentive program;
- (2) Inserting a blank appropriation amount; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 2823, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2823, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.


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


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2823	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2/11/22		
<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	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes