

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1533

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1345
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1345, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the number of well-trained teachers in Department of Education schools.

Specifically, this measure authorizes the Department of Education to subsidize all tuition and mandatory fees for a resident student pursuing a degree in education for the semester or term that the student is enrolled in a state-approved teacher education program; provided that the student commits to teaching at a Department of Education public school for an unspecified number of years.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Education and University of Hawaii System.



Your Committee finds that the tuition and fee subsidies authorized by this measure will help to alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by individuals seeking a career in education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that a student who accepts a tuition and fee subsidy shall commit to five years of full-time teaching in the student's licensed field at a Department of Education school.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1345, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1345, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1345 HD1 SD1	HRE / WAM	3/31/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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