

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1653  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide automatic salary step increases for teachers and educational officers who have satisfactorily completed a certain amount of service and complied with certain requirements, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining and Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

