

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

47

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 323

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 323 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; and Hawaii Government Employees Association AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that there is a severe shortage of qualified teachers in the State. Your Committee believes that major contributing factors to this shortage are the State's high cost of living and lack of affordable housing. Your Committee believes that this measure will alleviate the financial burden on teachers in obtaining housing by providing housing vouchers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting language establishing standards for the distribution of the funds appropriated in this measure as housing vouchers under the Teacher Housing Assistance Program;
- (2) Changing the maximum amount for a housing voucher to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Specifying that teachers who are eligible for participation in the Teacher Housing Assistance Program include teachers employed by a charter school;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider \$500 per month as the maximum amount for a housing voucher under the Teacher Housing Assistance Program.

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. 323, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 323, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Housing.

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


JUSTIN F. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 323	Committee Referral: EDN, HSG, FIN	Date: 1/28/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	—			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	—			
3. AMATO, Terez	—			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	—			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	—			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	—			
7. KILA, Darius K.	—			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	—			
9. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	—			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	—			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	—			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Trish La Chica</u>				
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