

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: H.B. No. 24  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an additional bonus to public school teachers who maintain current national board certification and who teach at certain schools.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from the Department of Education. The Hawaii State Teachers Association offered comments.

Your Committee finds that to meet the standards set by state laws and the No Child Left Behind Act, it is necessary to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers for public schools. Currently, completing the certification program of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards entitles teachers to \$1,500 and reimbursement of the remainder of the application fee. In addition, maintenance of the certification entitles a teacher to a \$5,000 bonus, annually.

Your Committee believes that providing certain limited additional incentives will help recruit and retain highly qualified teachers at certain schools, including those that are in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, are struggling



to make annual yearly progress, or experience hard to fill vacancies.

Your Committee has amended the bill by:

- (1) Clarifying the nature of the additional bonus and those who may qualify for it; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for clarity, style, and consistency.

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. 24, 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. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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

  
ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 24 HDI, SDI</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDU, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/20/07</div>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred			/	
WHALEN, Paul				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	9	0	1	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> </div>				
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