STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2229

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 7 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2594

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2594 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 the student loan subsidy program for teachers who teach in special education, vocational education, technical education, or career pathway programs;
- (2) Establish a student loan subsidy program special fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that recruiting and retaining teachers in Hawaii's public schools is a challenge due to the high cost of living in the State. High rates of turnover among teachers frequently forces schools to rely on long-term substitute teachers, emergency hires, or other stopgap measures. Special education and vocational education teachers are two of the highest priority areas of shortage. Your Committee further finds that

teachers in Hawaii often owe considerable amounts of debt from student loans. The proposed loan subsidy program proposed in this measure could provide an incentive for teachers to remain in Hawaii's public schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2594, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2594, 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 Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:* SBJ594	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM Date: 10/6				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)			-		
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)		/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
RIVIERE, GII					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:					10
Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's di Designee's Signature;					
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes