

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3242**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2400
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Labor and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require a teacher to surrender their teaching license if the teacher resigns or retires during the pendency of any investigation into allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of a student; and
- (2) Require the surrender of the teacher's license to be reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.



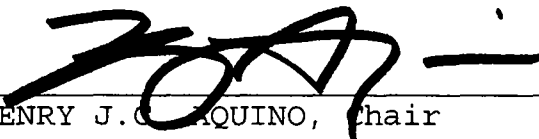
Your Committees find that Hawaii's keiki have a right to learn and grow in safe, protected learning environments. However, some teachers facing serious allegations involving sexual harassment or assault, or other physical abuse of a student, may exploit existing systems and avoid termination or discipline by relocating to another educational institution for employment before completion of any investigation that may otherwise disqualify the teacher from such employment. Therefore, this measure ensures greater accountability for teachers while ensuring proper safeguards for Hawaii's keiki.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Labor and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Labor and Technology,


HENRY J. AQUINO, Chair


MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Labor and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB2400, HD 2	Committee Referral: EDU/LBT, JDC	Date: 3/18/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			X <i>g</i>
LEE, Chris	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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