

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

848

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 624
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 624, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the School Psychologists Working Group within the Department of Education to recommend actionable steps for or propose legislation on an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Psychology; Hawai'i Psychological Association; and Hawai'i Primary Care Association.

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. 624, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



