

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1009

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 819
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 819, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to establish a visiting international teacher license for certain qualified visa holders.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Alliance Abroad Group, J1 Teacher, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Your Committee finds that the term "teacher" is defined in section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and that using that term, rather than "educators," throughout the measure will help to harmonize the language with existing law. Your Committee believes that this measure will help to increase the pool of eligible and qualified teachers to fulfill the faculty positions required by the Department of Education.



Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing all references to the terms "educator" or "educators" with the terms "teacher" or "teachers," as appropriate.

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 S.B. No. 819, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 819, S.D. 2.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 819 SD1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2-26-2025		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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