

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2122
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2122 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds out of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund for the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and Aloha United Way. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Education and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the State is facing a severe shortage of qualified teachers. Your Committee further finds that




high cost of living and lack of affordable housing are major contributing factors to the teacher shortage. Your Committee believes that providing housing vouchers to qualifying teachers through the Teacher Housing Assistance Program will help alleviate the financial burden on teachers in obtaining housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have established the amount of, and applicability for, a housing voucher;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2122, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2122, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Housing.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2122	Committee Referral: EDN, HSG, FIN	Date: 2/3/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. AMATO, Terez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
7. KILA, Darius K.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Trish La Chica</u>				
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