

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2560
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. 2560 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish within the Department of Education a two-year pilot program to provide temporary financial stabilization assistance to families with enrolled students identified as experiencing homelessness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Human Services; and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions.

Your Committee finds that families with children experiencing homelessness often face immediate and urgent financial needs that compromise housing stability and school attendance. Your Committee further finds that students identified as experiencing homelessness need timely, flexible assistance to obtain the basic necessities that directly affect their ability to remain engaged in school.

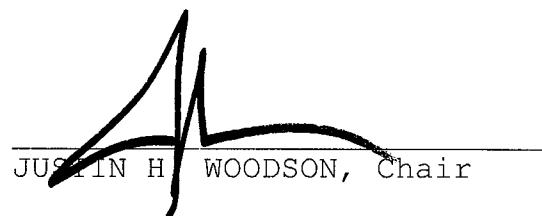
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Establishing the pilot program within the Department of Human Services, rather than the Department of Education;
- (2) Deleting language that would require the State Coordinator for Education for Homeless Children and Youth to head the pilot program;
- (3) Amending the preamble to reflect its amended purpose;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (5) 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. 2560, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2560, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2560	EDN, HSH, PIN	2/5/26		
<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)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
7. KILA, Darius K.	/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
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: <i>Trish La Chica</i>				
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