



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 15, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith S.B. 3262, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

S.B. 3262 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 3262

Honorable Members
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

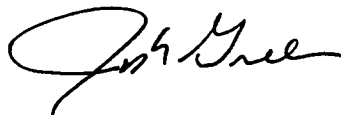
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 3262, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education."

The purpose of this bill is to require the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to submit three nominees for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board Executive Director to the Board of Education and require the Board of Education to appoint the Executive Director from among those nominees, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

This bill is objectionable because further review of the separation of responsibilities and duties between the Board of Education and the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board is needed to assess how the proposed changes may affect the respective roles, authorities, and oversight functions of each entity. This review will ensure that any future changes are clearly defined, appropriately structured, and do not create ambiguity regarding governance and accountability.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 3262 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor of Hawai'i

VETO

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 3262
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:
3 "(f) The board may employ an executive director for a term
4 of up to four years, who shall be appointed by the board of
5 education, with the advice and consent of the senate, and
6 without regard to chapters 76 and 89; provided that the board of
7 education shall appoint the executive director from a list of
8 three nominees submitted by the board [~~shall submit a nominee~~]
9 to the board of education [~~for approval or disapproval~~];
10 provided further that if the senate fails to confirm the nominee
11 [~~is disapproved~~], the board of education shall submit another
12 nominee to the [~~board of education~~] senate for [~~approval or~~
13 ~~disapproval~~.] advice and consent.
14 The board may terminate the executive director's contract
15 for cause; provided that the board shall submit the
16 recommendation for termination to the board of education for
17 approval or disapproval."



- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 3262
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APPROVED this day of , 2026

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.

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Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives