

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1889
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. 1889 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a School Psychologists Working Group within the Department of Education to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation to the Legislature for an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Psychological Association and Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is the only state without a pathway to licensure for school psychologists. Your Committee recognizes that school psychologists are critical in helping students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally by providing direct educational and mental health services for children and youth. As there is no statutorily established criteria for licensure for school psychologists, your Committee believes that a working group to recommend actionable

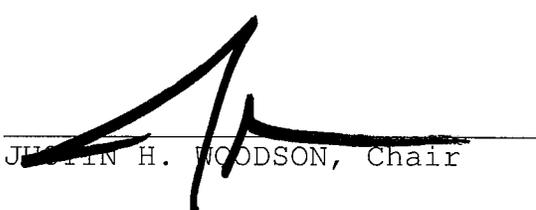


steps to create a pathway to licensure for school psychologists is necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

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. 1889, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



