

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2127  
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. 2127 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Civic Education Grant Program and Civic Education Trust Fund and dedicating their use exclusively to support civic education in Hawaii's public middle and intermediate schools through Department of Education approved programming.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; American Judicature Society; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hoaloha Project; American Association of University Women of Hawai'i; Green Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that civic education prepares students to participate in the public and political lives of their communities and helps them develop critical thinking skills that are vital to the functioning of a democratic nation. Your Committee further finds that the establishment of a Hawaii Civic



Education Grant Program and Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund will increase access to civic education in Hawaii's public school systems and increase voter turnout and citizen engagement over the long term.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing references to the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Support Services to the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design;
- (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. 2127, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2127, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



