

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2565
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. 2565 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to provide monetary awards to educators who are recognized by the Legislature through a congratulatory document awarded during Education Week.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that high-quality educators are necessary for the well-being of the State's youth and communities. Your Committee further finds that addressing teacher recognition is critical to providing high-quality learning opportunities for all students in Hawaii. This measure would provide a financial award for exemplary performance by educators in recognition of and appreciation for their efforts.

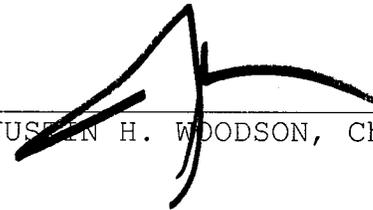


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the monetary awards are a one-time increase to an educator's salary for each year of recognition;
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount to the State Public Charter School Commission to additionally provide public charter school educators with a one-time increase to their salary;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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. 2565, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2565, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



