

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30** , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2614  
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into active service in the armed services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Office of the Assistant Secretary of War; Department of Education; Office of Veterans Services; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and Veterans of Foreign Wars - Department of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which previously authorized the Department of Education to issue high school diplomas to World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans, as well as individuals whose schooling was interrupted due to military service or internment, was repealed in 2020. Your Committee further finds that this measure would



authorize the Department of Education to resume awarding high school diplomas to these individuals once again in recognition of their sacrifices during wartime.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (2) 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 Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2614, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



