

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2330

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2754
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2754 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Civic Education Grant Program to provide support to public middle and intermediate schools in providing civic education to students through Department of Education-approved programming; and
- (2) Establish a Civic Education Trust Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, AAUW of Hawai'i, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that limited professional development opportunities and a shortage of civics-focused resources are major barriers to effective civics instruction in the State. This resource gap is most acute and impactful in middle and intermediate schools because early adolescence is a formative



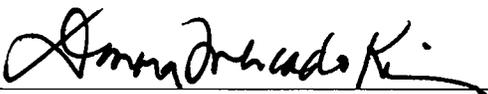
period for developing civic dispositions, such as critical thinking, respectful dialogue, collaboration, and an understanding of democratic principles. By supporting a robust civic education, this measure fosters the development of informed, engaged citizens who can advocate for their rights and participate fully in democratic processes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that Department of Education-approved civic education programming provided through the Civic Education Grant Program shall be integrated within existing social studies curricula;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2754, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2754, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2754	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 02/11/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				/
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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