

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3262
S.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 S.B. No. 3262, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to submit three nominees for its Executive Director to the Board of Education; and
- (2) Require the Board of Education to appoint an Executive Director from the nominees on the list, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

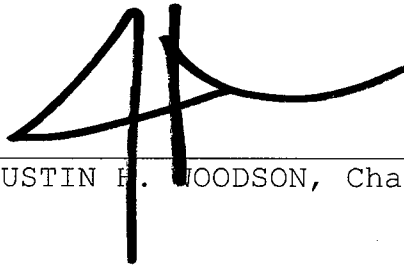
Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board plays a critical role in ensuring that the State has highly qualified teachers. Your Committee further finds that having the Board of Education involved in the appointment of the Executive



Director of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board ensures alignment between teacher licensing standards and broader state educational goals. This measure will also ensure that the Executive Director is properly vetted.

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. 3262, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

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JUSTIN E. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3262 SD1	Committee Referral: EDN, JHA	Date: 3/19/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. LA CHICA, Trish (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
5. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
6. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
7. KILA, Darius K.	/			
8. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.		/		
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	9	1		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Justin LaChica</u>				
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