

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2577

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3262

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. 3262 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board 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 advice and consent of the Senate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association.

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 robust oversight in the selection process of the Executive Director of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board is essential for the future of the teaching profession in



the State. As the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board plays a critical role in the educational ecosystem, directly impacting all teachers statewide as well as new and upcoming educators entering the field, the Board's decisions on licensing and standards set the foundation for the quality of instruction in the State's classrooms. By ensuring that the Executive Director is thoroughly vetted by the Senate, this measure will ensure that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board is led by a highly qualified professional dedicated to upholding the highest standards for the State's educators.

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 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

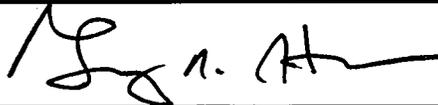


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3262	EDU, JPC	02/18/26		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	2	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution:				
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