

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3515

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.R. No. 188

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.R.
No. 188 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MICRO-CREDENTIAL
PILOT PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN
AND THE HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Education to implement the National Education
Association Micro-Credential Pilot Program developed in
collaboration with the Department's Office of Curriculum and
Instructional Design and the Hawaii State Teachers Association.

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

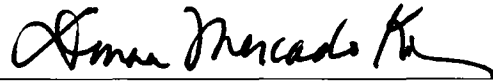
Your Committee finds that financial barriers and a lack of
accessible information prevent many local educators from
participating in high-quality, competency-based micro-credentials,
which are vital for strengthening instruction and allowing
educators to demonstrate mastery of specific practices.
Micro-credentials also empower teachers to move up the
Department's pay scale, increasing their efficacy in the classroom
while improving the sustainability of their careers through higher
pay. The collaboratively developed National Education Association



Micro-Credential Pilot Program will help eliminate financial barriers and ensure teachers receive applicable professional development credits for their work. This measure therefore supports educator learning, leadership development, and classroom innovation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 188 and recommends its adoption.

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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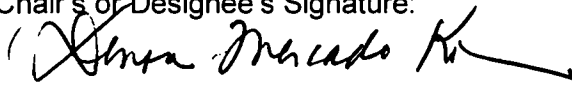
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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