

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2139

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2613
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2613 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the national board certification incentives to public school counselors and school psychologists, and to authorize continuing bonuses for teachers, counselors, and school psychologists in designated high-need schools that improve and are no longer designated as such.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Hawaii Association of School Psychologists, Community Children's Council Legislative Committee, Hawaii School Counselor Association, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and six individuals.

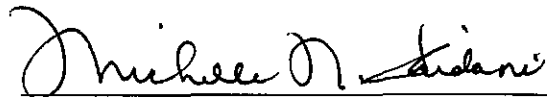
Your Committee finds that having highly qualified mental health providers in schools is important for the wellbeing and success of students. The certification process for school counselors and school psychologists is similarly rigorous to that of teachers. Providing incentives for mental health providers similar to the incentives for teachers is likely to attract highly qualified counselors and school psychologists to public schools in the State, to the benefit of Hawaii's students.



Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 2613, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2613, 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,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2613	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2/3/16		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Harimoto</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes