

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2269
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2269 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the National Board Certification Incentive Program to include public school counselors and school psychologists to provide greater monetary incentives to those professions; and
- (2) Authorize continuing bonuses for public school teachers, counselors, and school psychologists in designated high-need schools that improve and become no longer designated as a high-need school.

The Hawaii Association of School Psychologists, Hawaii School Counselor Association, Community Children's Councils, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing public school counselors from the National Board Certification Incentive Program; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 2269, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2269, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



