

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2335

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2782

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2782 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Educational Assistant Certification Incentive Program to enable educational assistants who have been working in hard-to-fill schools to attain teacher certification and then commit to return to those schools for a certain period of time; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for alternate teacher route contracts for teachers whose degrees are not in the field of education.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, University of Hawai'i System, University of Hawai'i College of Education, Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that the Department of Education has struggled to place teachers in schools having high turnover rates or determined as hard-to-fill. One potential option is to help current educational assistants achieve the necessary certification to be classified as teachers. The cost of enrollment in

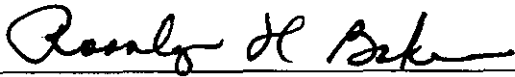
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certification programs is a substantial obstacle for educational assistants seeking teacher licensure. This measure will provide educational assistants with greater opportunities to become licensed.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2782 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



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**EDU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2782</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDU/CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/12/16</b>		
<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
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				/
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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**CPH**

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Will Espero</i>				
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