

**TITLE: HTSB's 2024 Legislative Priorities**

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**The Board supports proposed legislation that:**

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  - Promoting professionalism and teaching excellence.
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  - Being accountable to the public.
- Supports funding mechanisms to attract and retain qualified teachers that are in alignment with quality education and HTSB's Mission and Vision.
- Promotes supportive, safe, and accessible environments with rigorous learning for all public school students (e.g., licensed teachers, health and well-being of students, school safety, security, and emergency management and preparedness)
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**The Board opposes and/or provides comments on proposed legislation that:**

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**Submitted by:** Branden Kawazoe

**Referred to:** Legislative Committee

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