THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2009**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009

TIME: 1:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 225

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

SB 1618 RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS. EDH, WAM Requires the Superintendant of Education, under policies established **Testimony** by the Board of Education, to conduct all elections for school community councils. **Status** RELATING TO TEACHERS. EDH, WAM **SB 1249** Provides incentives for the recruitment and retention of public school **Testimony** teachers. Status RELATING TO EDUCATION. **SB 738** EDH, WAM Establishes and funds a Hawaii beginning teacher induction center **Testimony** pilot program to assist in the development and retention of highly qualified teachers in the State's public schools. Status RELATING TO EDUCATION. **SB 1250** EDH, LBR Clarifies that unlicensed teachers employed as emergency hires prior to **Testimony** July 1, 2008, may be employed on an emergency basis for no more **Status** than four years. RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSURE. EDH, JGO **SB 1631** Repeals requirement that the Hawaii teacher standards board must **Testimony**

notify the court that the individual being tried by the court for a sexual

offense is a teacher. **Status**

RELATING TO EDUCATION. **SB 1308** EDH, WAM

Transfers functions and duties of the Hawaii teacher standards board to **Testimony**

the board of education.

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SB 1669 RELATING TO EDUCATION. EDH, WAM

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund department **Testimony**

of education repair and maintenance projects.

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SB 206 RELATING TO TEACHERS. EDH, WAM

Testimony Status

Establishes the teacher housing allowance program to provide housing assistance to teachers employed in schools in geographically isolated areas or hard-to-fill positions within the State. Appropriates funds for the program and appropriates funds for repair and maintenance of existing teacher housing. Requires the department of education to

report to the legislature on teacher housing options.

SB 730 RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING. EDH, WAM

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Testimony Status

Testimony

Establishes an affordable housing program and a second mortgage revolving fund for public school teachers. Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of teacher housing and for the second mortgage

loans for public school teachers.

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST GEOGRAPHICALLY **SB 1617**

ISOLATED SCHOOLS UNDER THE WEIGHTED STUDENT

FORMULA.

Status Appropriates funds for FY 2009-2010 for school-based budgeting

> (EDN 100) as an additional amount for travel and associated costs to assist students of geographically isolated schools to explore academic

enhancement.

RELATING TO EDUCATION. **SB 1278**

EDH, WAM

Testimony

Prohibits movement of junior kindergarten and kindergarten students between tiers, except under certain circumstances. Prohibits a junior kindergartener from directly graduating to the first grade. Establishes **Status**

a separate curriculum for the junior kindergarten program. Requires the department of education to staff junior kindergartens with qualified preschool teachers and teacher aides. Appropriates funds for the implementation of a junior kindergarten program with a certain

student-teacher ratio.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair