

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1308  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1308 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer functions and duties of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to the Board of Education.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by four state agencies, two private organizations, and one individual. One state agency submitted comments. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83, S.D. 1, 2008, requested the Auditor to conduct a study of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, including:

- (1) Organizational placement of the Board as an administratively attached agency to the Department of Education;
- (2) The functions and operations of the Board and their similarity to other agencies;



- (3) The Board's long-range planning in relation to appropriate policy foundations, benchmarks, and accountability mechanisms;
- (4) The Board's appeals process; and
- (5) The capabilities of the Board's web-based system, implemented in 2006.

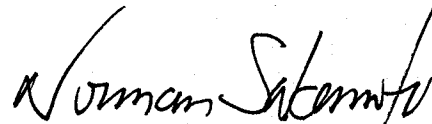
Your Committee understands that the Auditor expects to submit a final report to the Legislature by the middle of February 2009. Until the final report is available, your Committee believes this measure provides a vehicle to promote further discussion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Board of Education shall adopt policies in accordance with chapters 91 and 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Deleting a reference to the Teacher Standards Board authorization to set and administer its own budget; and
- (3) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2040, for the purpose of encouraging further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1308, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1308, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Education and Housing**  
**EDH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1308</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-11-09</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 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
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**