

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

161

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2009

RE: S.B. No. 497
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. 497 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an advisory committee to provide oversight of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and provide the Governor with lists of nominees for appointment to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board;
- (2) Require an annual report of the advisory committee to the Board of Education and the Legislature; and
- (3) Authorize the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to hire an executive director.

Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by three state agencies. 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 its 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 in 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) Designating the majority of existing provisions contained in the measure as received by your Committee as part I;
- (2) Adding to part I, from S.B. No. 142, a provision that repeals the July 1, 2009 sunset date on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board's authority to suspend its policies, rules, and standards when required by extenuating circumstances, and adding additional language that allows the board to determine how it collects license fees;
- (3) Establishing a part II, using language from S.B. No. 204, authorizing the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to coordinate an effort that creates a data interface network to promote the free interchange of information among public and private Hawaii teacher education institutions and the Department of Education, and appropriating funds for the network;
- (4) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of encouraging further discussion; and



(5) Making technical amendments to correct drafting errors.

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. 497, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 497, 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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Bill / Resolution No.: SB497	Committee Referral: EDH, WAM	Date: 2-11-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	1
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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