

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 37

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 25  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 25 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to create a larger pool of highly qualified teachers to serve in Hawaii's schools by requiring the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to issue Hawaii licenses to teachers with licenses issued by any state with licensing standards equivalent to or higher than Hawaii's.

The Department of Education supported this bill with amendments. The University of Hawaii, HTSB, and Hawaii State Teachers Association opposed this measure.

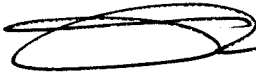
Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Upholding the requirement that HTSB pursue full teacher license reciprocity with other states, but extending it to all 50 states, rather than requiring HTSB to issue licenses to teachers with licenses issued by any state with licensing standards equivalent to or higher than Hawaii's; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 25, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 25, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Labor & Public Employment,



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair





