

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ajil 3, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2163
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to better align Hawaii's teacher licensure requirements with the criteria of the No Child Left Behind Act, as they relate to highly qualified teachers. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Allows individuals to be employed by the Department of Education (DOE) on an emergency basis for no more than three, rather than four, years; and
- (2) Requires unlicensed individuals who have been hired on an emergency basis prior to July 1, 2008, to attain licensure no later than four years from the date of their employment.

DOE and Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



