

Date of Hearing: March 12, 2008

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.B. 2449, SD2 (SSCR2572), Relating to education

Purpose: To specify that the duration of probationary periods for new teachers, principals, and vice-principals of the department of education shall be two years, unless otherwise negotiated pursuant to collective bargaining. (SD2)

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports S.B. 2449, SD2 (SSCR2572) which specifies that the duration of probationary periods for new teachers, principals, and vice principals of the Department of Education shall be two years, unless otherwise negotiated pursuant to collective bargaining. Enactment of S.B.2449, SD2 will conform State statutes to the negotiated unit 5 collective bargaining agreement for 2007-2009.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION**

**RE: SB 2449, SD2 – RELATING TO EDUCATION**

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**ROGER TAKABAYASHI, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association strongly supports SB 2449, SD1.

The collective bargaining agreement between the Hawaii State Teachers Association and the Department of Education for 2007-2009 reduced the probationary period from two years to one year. The reduction of the probationary period was agreed upon by the signatories of the agreement – the Governor, the Board of Education and the Department of Education. This bill will adjust Section 302A-607 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes with the collective bargaining agreement of 2007-2009.

We strongly urge the committee to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.