

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2008

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.C.R. 111, Requesting the Department of Education to Prepare Curricular Materials That Reflect the Hawaii Standards to Assist a Teacher Who Has to Temporarily Teach in an Area Where the Teacher is Not Highly Qualified

Purpose: Requesting the Department of Education to prepare curricular materials that reflect the Hawaii standards to assist a teacher who has to temporarily teach in an area where the teacher is not highly qualified.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports this Resolution. The Department shares the same concerns outlined in this Resolution, and has already taken steps to identify and develop curriculum materials that can be used by teachers teaching in an area where they are not highly qualified. In addition, the Department is currently offering professional development courses and PRAXIS preparation courses to assure that all teachers become highly qualified. The Department will provide a report to the 2009 legislature on the requests made in this Resolution.