

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 616

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 6 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1308
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1308, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the functions and duties of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to the Board of Education.

Your Committee received six written comments on this measure. Copies of written comments submitted are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that complaints that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board acts autonomously and has no oversight by, nor is accountable to, the Department of Education, led the Legislature to request the Auditor to conduct a "Study on the Appropriate Accountability Structure of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board". The Auditor's preliminary report found that the creation of an independent body composed of teachers employed by the Department of Education with a mission to provide qualified teachers, promote professionalism and teaching excellence, to build public confidence in teachers and provide more accountability to the public, has not yielded sufficient benefits to the teachers and students it was meant to serve to warrant its continuation. In anticipation of the Auditor's final report, your Committee has retained the measure's June 30, 2040 effective date to facilitate further discussion on this matter.

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

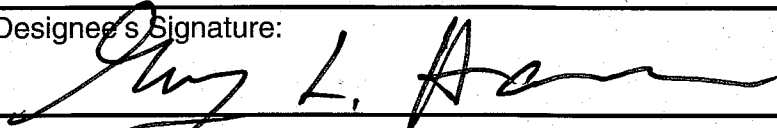
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		✓		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HEE, Clayton		✓		
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓	✓		
KIDANI, Michelle N.		✓		
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓		
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	5	4		3

Recommendation:

Adopted

Not Adopted

Chair's or Designer's Signature:



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