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Committee: House Education; Labor and
Public Employment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0184 RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION COORDINATING
COMMITTEE.

Purpose of Bill: Amends the membership of the teacher education coordinating committee
to include a representative of each state approved teacher education
program.

Department's Position: The Department supports H.B. 184 that specifies representatives must be
from an accredited state teacher education program and a provision that
the Superintendent of Education and the Dean of the College of Education
at the University of Hawaii at Manoa may each appoint other members to
the committee as needed.

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HB 184: Relating to Teacher Education Coordinating Committee

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii College of Education supports HB 184, which amends the membership of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (TECC) to include a representative of each state approved teacher education unit preparing teachers in Hawaii.

The TECC requested the amendments to better reflect current practice. When the TECC was established there were few units preparing teachers in Hawaii. Today there are ten. To be effective each should be represented on the committee.

We wish to point out a technical error in the language of the bill as written.

Section 1, line 6 should read "unit" not "program."

Similarly, Section 2, line 3 should also read "unit", not "program."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

RE: HB 184 Relating to Teacher Education Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

**DR. JONATHAN GILLENLINE, CHAIRPERSON
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board**

Chairmen Takumi and Rhoads and Members of the Committees:

As a member of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (TECC), the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board strongly supports HB 184 Relating to Teacher Education Coordinating Committee.

We ask that on page 1, Line 6 and page 2, Line 3, you replace "program" with "unit" because this more accurately conforms to the interest of the TECC. With this change, all units with State Approved Teacher Education programs will have representation on the TECC. In the case of University of Hawaii at Hilo, this amendment will enable both the UH Hilo Education Department and Kahuawaiola to each be represented on the TECC.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.