

Date: 04/01/2009

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1250,SD1,HD1(HSCR1148) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies that individuals hired after June 30, 2008, may be employed on an emergency basis, for no more than three years in the aggregate. Clarifies that individuals hired after June 30, 1997, but before July 1, 2008, may be employed on an emergency basis, for no more than four years in the aggregate. (SB1250 HD1)

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports the amended changes as reflected in S.B. 1250, SD1, HD1.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: SB 1250 SD1 HD1 Relating to Education

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

DR. JONATHAN GILLENLINE, CHAIRPERSON
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Chairman Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board strongly supports SB 1250 SD1 HD1 Relating to Education because the proposed amendments further clarify how the statute should be implemented. This will reduce any confusion that emergency hires may have about the amount of time they can be employed.

We would like to offer a friendly amendment on Page 3, line 12 to Section 302A-804 (3)(D), by adding the same phrasing as appears in (3)(C) above as follows:

- (D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (3) (C), unlicensed individuals who have been hired on an emergency basis after June 30, 1997, but prior to July 1, 2008, [shall attain licensure no later than four years from the date of their employment;] may be employed on an emergency basis for no more than four years in the aggregate and during this time, the individual shall demonstrate active pursuit of licensing in each year of employment;

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.