

Date: 04/01/2009

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0501(HSCR 1146) .RELATING TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies membership requirements of the teacher education coordinating committee.

Department's Position: The Department supports S.B. 0501 (HSCR 1146) 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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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
RE: SB 501 Relating to the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee**

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

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

Chairmen Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

As a member of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (TECC), the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board strongly supports SB 501 Relating to the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee.

We believe that with the proposed change, all units with State Approved Teacher Education programs will have representation on the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.