

**Date:** 02/26/2009

**Committee:** Senate Education and Housing  
Senate Higher Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0501 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 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.