

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1189

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 497  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 497, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS  
BOARD,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the efficiency and  
effectiveness of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) as the  
State's authority on teacher licensing and standards, by:

- (1) Establishing an advisory committee to provide oversight  
of HTSB;
- (2) Authorizing HTSB to:
  - (A) Determine the manner by which fees are collected;
  - (B) Adopt, amend, repeal, or suspend its policies and  
standards; and
  - (C) Appoint an executive director;
- (3) Making permanent HTSB's authority to temporarily suspend  
its rules if extenuating circumstances exist;



- (4) Making permanent HTSB's authority to amend licensing-related fees and set or amend other charges; and
- (5) Authorizing and appropriating funds for HTSB to coordinate the creation of a data interface network consisting of teacher education institutions and the Department of Education to support the free interchange of information valuable to all of the participating organizations.

The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools supported the intent of this bill. The Board of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. HTSB and several concerned individuals offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

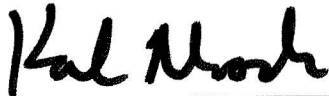
- (1) Deleting the provisions that establish an advisory committee;
- (2) Adding two members to HTSB, to be appointed from among the members of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, Hawaii P-20 Council, or Workforce Development Council;
- (3) Specifying that all licenses issued by HTSB shall be valid for the fields and levels specified on the licenses, rather than just the fields;
- (4) Allowing HTSB, at its discretion through June 30, 2010, to grant additional license extensions, and clarifying that any previously-approved extensions shall be deemed valid as issued;
- (5) Deleting the provisions that authorize and appropriate funds for HTSB to coordinate the creation of a data interface network; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 497, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto



as S.B. No. 497, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Labor & Public Employment,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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ROY TAKUMI, Chair





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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 497, SDI	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDN/LAB, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-18-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>LAB Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
6. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
7. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
9. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. PINE, Kymerly Marcos	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	10	—	—	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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