

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

697

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1283
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1283 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the Department of Education's requirements for the certification of principals and vice-principals to accommodate alternate routes of certification that meet federal Race to the Top requirements.

Specifically, this measure allows the Department of Education to determine equivalent experience as a substitute for the requisite school-level experience for principals and vice-principals under current law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Christine K. Sorensen, Dean, College of Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Your Committee finds that the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides education funds for states that pursue educational reform and additional funds for states that qualify for Race to the Top funds by advancing educational reform, including alternative routes to certification for teachers and principals. However, the current requirement that a principal or vice-principal in Hawaii possess a minimum amount of school-level experience is too restrictive and conflicts with the Race to the

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Top grant requirements. This measure allows the Department of Education to determine appropriate equivalent experience for certifications of principals and vice-principals in accordance with Race to the Top requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1283, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1283, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1283	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2-25-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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