

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 23

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.R. No. 23 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD TO REVIEW RULES REGARDING LICENSING OF TEACHERS IN HAWAII WITH OUT-OF-STATE TEACHING LICENSES TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE BARRIERS TO THOSE TEACHERS BEING LICENSED IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help address the shortage of qualified teachers in Hawaii and improve the access to teaching in Hawaii for teachers with out-of-state teaching licenses by requesting the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to review rules regarding the licensing of teachers in Hawaii with out-of-state teaching licenses to determine if there are barriers to those teachers being licensed in Hawaii.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board testified in support of the intent of this measure.

Currently, Hawaii is experiencing a shortage of public school teachers. While enabling qualified teachers with out-of-state teaching licenses to obtain a teaching license in Hawaii would increase the number of qualified teachers in the State and work to address this shortage, concerns have been raised that teachers with out-of-state teaching licenses have experienced difficulties in obtaining such a license. Your Committee finds that



determining if barriers do exist to out-of-state licensed teachers obtaining a Hawaii teaching license is a first step in working to address this concern and addressing the teacher shortage in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 23 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 23	Committee Referral: LAD^o EDN	Date: 2-21-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" 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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.				/
7. LUKE, Sylvia				/
8. OKAMURA, Tom				
9. SAIKI, Scott K.				/
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
13. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				/
TOTAL (13)	8	/	/	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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