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Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 10:46 AM
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Testimony for EDU/JDL 2/3/2012 2:15:00 PM SB2993

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ann Ogilvie
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

The issue of tenure was well discussed in the 2/3 Star/Advertiser's Editorial. It should be a matter between the DOE and HSTA it should not be a legislative issue. To eliminate tenure completely with a vague promise that at the end of the session it will be re-instated with a different number of years is not a good idea. I agree with the superintendent that tenure should be more difficult to attain - 3-4 years with stricter measures attached to it. However, let the professionals deal with this - do not try to legislate it. As it is right now teachers feel under attack, pay cuts, furloughs, and now the elimination of due process. In my classroom I teach my students the importance of self respect and to respect others. Please demonstrate that you have some respect for the teachers who work so diligently to educate Hawaii's children.

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Submitted by: Bill Armijo
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This bill works to take away security and protection that teachers have worked hard to get, this will create a situation whereas teachers will not want to come to Hawaii to teach and teachers that are currently in Hawaii teaching will not want to stay teaching in Hawaii. This State the past/ present governor(s) have already created a hostile work environment. It shows that this State, the past and present governors , and now the State Legislative bodies are hostile towards teachers and cannot be trusted to work on behalf of teachers. First you take away pay, then you furlough teachers, then you increase health insurance costs, then you eliminate a contract, then you work to eliminate collective bargaining, and now you look to take away security of teachers by eliminating tenure. So ultimately you are working to screw over the most educated people in the State. I oppose this bill and everything that goes along with it, and the author of this bill is a thoughtless individual opposed to education and purporting to be in favor of it.

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Submitted by: S. stone
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

SB 2993, relating to education
To the members of the Senate Committee:

I would like to be on record as opposing this bill to eliminate tenure for educators. I do not understand why teachers are being singled out as needing legislative oversight. We have (or *had*) collective bargaining to deal with the negotiation of these professional concerns. It seems like your governing body should be dealing with the bigger society issues of jobs, environmental concerns, etc.

This measure seems to purposefully want to punish teachers for some perceived, but statistically untrue, belief that there is a large number of 'bad' teachers and principles that need to be taken care of. Are there poor performing teachers? Yes. Are some principals not highly qualified? Yes. But that is true in ANY profession. In the case of teachers, there is a process of trying to get teachers to improve their craft through workshops and monitoring by administrators.

Teaching offers very little financial compensation and recently very little respect. So what is it that we do have? A vague belief/hope that we have helped opened minds to concrete skills and possibly a love of learning; and a little sense of job security.

This state already has a very high teacher turnover because people recruited from the mainland cannot meet their financial goals. If you continue on this subversive path, you will see even less people willing to teach in this state. Why come to a place that treats professionals with disdain both in attitude and financially.

Vote this bill DOWN.
Mahalo,
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Submitted by: Mar Krebs
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I have a couple relative who are teachers and find this Bill to be demoralizing to them. Teachers make lousy pay in this state (my sister took a \$15,000 pay CUT upon moving here) and tenure is something these professionals work toward and feel a little sense of job security in a poor economy. Heck, make the probationary period longer if you are so worried about performance, but there is already a process to get poor quality teachers to improve or leave. I strongly oppose taking away any more collective bargaining rights like this administration has already done. I strongly ask you to oppose this bill.

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Submitted by: SL peterson
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I ask you to oppose this misguided bill. Your legislative body has more important things to do regarding education than micro managing the teacher contract. If the governor would have acted in good faith and COMPLETED the collective bargaining sessions, this could have been an item on the table. You are imagining things if really think the majority of teachers need the possibility of dismissal without due process that tenure provides.
I urge you to vote NO on this bill.