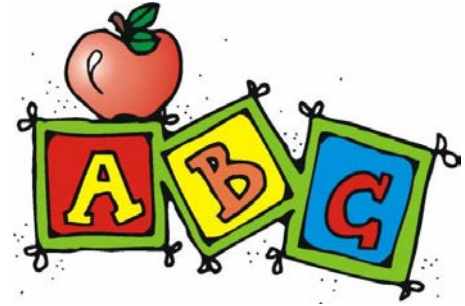


SB2331



Measure Title: RELATING TO TEACHERS.

Report Title: Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Department of Education; State Public Charter School Commission; Teacher Licensing

Description: Adds a definition of "license" to clarify that teacher licenses are issued by the Hawaii teacher standards board. Repeals the authority of employers or prospective employers to refuse to issue a teaching or other educational certificate to or revoke a teaching or other educational certificate from certain persons and under certain conditions. Makes clarifying amendments to the membership requirements for the Hawaii teacher standards board. Clarifies that charter schools fall under the purview of the requirements of the Hawaii teacher standards board. Makes housekeeping and conforming amendments.

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Package: None

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Department: Education

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Department's Position:

The DOE supports SB2331 however requests the Committee to make amendments to page 1, lines 12-14 to retain paragraphs (1) and (2) and to have it read as follows:

(1) refuse to issue a [~~teaching or other educational~~] certificate for school administrators;

(2) revoke the [~~teaching or other educational~~] certificate for school administrators.

The Department's Professional Development and Educational Research Institute (PDERI) is responsible for issuing certification of school administrators. It is imperative that the authority to refuse to issue and to revoke an administrator's certificate be retained.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony and the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony on SB2331, RELATING TO EDUCATION
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By LYNN HAMMONDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

February 2, 2014

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) in strong support of SB2331, Relating to Education.

Revisions to the requirements for HTSB membership make it clear that all interested constituent groups may submit nominations for the Governor's consideration, and will help ensure representation from diverse groups in Hawaii's educational organizations, the P-12 system and from the diverse populations and geographic areas of the state.

This bill will also clarify and reinforce the authority of the HTSB to require all public school teachers in the state to hold a current, valid teaching license as well as to monitor the emergency hire process when licensed teachers are not available. Responsibilities of the Department of Education and Hawaii Charter Schools are clearly defined in this revision to HTSB statute.

The HTSB thanks you for your support and for this opportunity to testify.

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State Public Charter School Commission

Testimony with comments

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission thanks you for the opportunity to offer these comments on SB 2331, Relating to Teachers, which would make various revisions to sections of Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), dealing with the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB). Our comments are limited to those proposed revisions that concern the Commission and the public charter schools.

The bill would provide that the Commission, in addition to the Department of Education (DOE) shall:

- Make recommendations to HTSB concerning the issuance of permits allowing individuals with trade or industry experience to teach in career and technical education programs, review the credentials of such individuals, and waive the requirement of a bachelor's degree;
- Weigh in with HTSB as to facilitating the licensing of those who intend to teach in extraordinary situations warranting special consideration;
- Report to HTSB on emergency hiring, on teacher shortages, and on out-of-field teaching in public charter schools; and

- Hire licensed teachers to teach in their fields of licensing or, on an emergency and case-by-case basis, unlicensed individuals.

The Commission notes that section 302A-804 currently addresses certain powers and duties of the DOE for which the equivalent functions in the charter school sector are not those of the Commission but of the individual public charter schools themselves. The Commission does not hire teachers.

On the other hand, most of the annual reporting functions set forth in 302A-804 are appropriate for the Commission. The exception is that addressing teacher shortages (as described at section 302A-804 (4)(D)) is not an authorizer function, nor is it the responsibility of individual schools.

In order to rectify these problems, the Commission respectfully recommends that the bill be amended to clarify that:

1. The employer powers and duties currently described under section 302A-804 (1) and (3) are those of the department and, as applicable, the individual public charter schools;
2. The oversight powers and duties currently described under section 302A-804 (2) and (4) are those of the department and the Commission as applicable, except that item (4)(D) on addressing teacher shortages is not applicable to the Commission; and
3. The duty currently set forth under section 302A-804 (5) to provide other necessary information to HTSB applies to the department, the Commission, and the individual public charter schools, as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Comments: HSTA opposes SB 2331 at this time due to the proposed language in section 2b and 3b. At this time, we believe that section 2b does not support teachers who may need further assistance for improvement. Section 3b does not empower teaching excellence in schools by allowing the governor to request additional members to HTSB. HSTA respectfully requests to work with the HTSB to assist them on the definition of a license as we want to ensure that each teacher is given fair treatment in regards to licensure.

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Comments:

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