

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 788

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1346

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1346 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to align the Department of Education's probationary requirements for incoming teachers. Specifically, this measure amends the probationary period required of licensed charter school teachers, who are not tenured in the Department of Education, upon entering or returning to the Department.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that the current probationary period for Department of Education teachers is a minimum of three years. However, licensed charter school teachers who are entering or returning to the Department of Education, but who are not tenured within the Department, may earn tenure after only a one-year probationary period. Your Committee believes that this inconsistency in employment probation policy serves no justifiable public purpose. Your Committee further finds that equalizing the probationary period for teachers will result in consistent policy, resolve existing inequality among teachers, and provide sufficient time for observation and support before awarding tenure.



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. 1346 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB1346</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDU/JDL/WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/2/15</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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