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Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2352, HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

Purpose of Bill: Increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools. (HB2352 HD1)

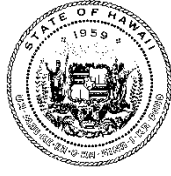
Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 2352, HD 1.

HB 2352, HD 1 will increase the membership of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to include two additional members, the chairperson from the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a teacher candidate from a Hawaii educator preparation program. The addition of these members will provide different perspectives for the HTSB's consideration when reviewing items relating to educator preparation programs and licensing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds for the
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018

TIME: 2:50 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 229

TITLE OF BILL: HB 2352_HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

PURPOSE OF BILL:

Increase membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarify that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee on Education:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) **strongly supports** SB2779 HD1, which will increase membership on the HTSB to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC) and a non-voting public university student teacher, and add clarifying language that a permit is required for non-licensed public school teachers.

The HTSB strives to be inclusive in setting rules and policies that govern teacher licensure and teacher preparation programs in our state, and is especially sensitive that Native Hawaiian needs and perspectives are considered. The NHEC includes broad representation from the Native Hawaiian community focused on education, yet is not the official representative group of any specific teacher employer or preparation program affected by HTSB regulations.

Another of HTSB's main responsibilities is the approval of educator preparation programs. Individuals enrolled in these programs have always had the opportunity to submit testimony to the HTSB, but have never had an official voice on the board to

express opinions on policies affecting their programs. This addition will allow them to have that voice, and will give rotating representation to teacher candidates, or student teachers, from among the public educator preparation programs housed at four University of Hawaii campuses: Manoa, West Oahu, Hilo, including both the Education Division and Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Educator Program, and Leeward Community College.

The remaining revisions add “or permit” as needed to clarify that all Hawaii public school teachers must have either a license or, if they do not yet qualify for a license, the appropriate permit. This is not a change in the law, as all public school teachers are currently required to possess either a license or a permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HB2352 HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
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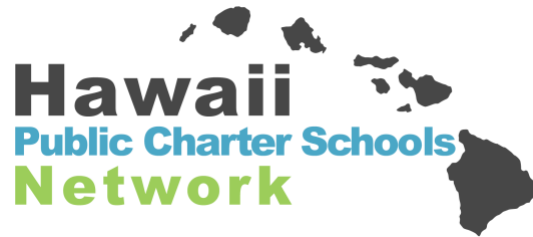
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2352 HD1, which would create new seats on the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board for the Native Hawaiian Education Council’s chairperson or their designee, as well as for a non-voting public university student teacher.

The Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board has various significant responsibilities, including having full responsibility for establishing teacher, school counselor, and school librarian licensing standards, and issuing licenses to those who meet the criteria for these standards. The Board validates and adopts licensure tests; issues three tiers of licenses and two kinds of special permits; approves Hawai‘i based teacher, counselor, and librarian education programs; and participates in efforts related to teacher quality, among other important duties.

The Native Hawaiian Education Council (Council), established in 1994 under the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act, has a long, community-based history and extensive experience in numerous aspects of education, including in Hawaiian language medium education, Hawaiian language immersion education, public charter school education, early learning, general K-12 education, teacher education and preparation, and professional development, among other areas. Accordingly, adding the Council’s chairperson or their designee to the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board will bring valuable and practical perspectives to the Board in carrying out its various responsibilities. Significantly, having Council representation on the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board will enable the Board to further the constitutional mandate that “[t]he State shall provide for a Hawaiian education program consisting of language, culture and history in the public schools.”¹

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB2352 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

¹HAW. CONST. art. X, § 4.



March 16, 2018

To: Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director
Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network

**Re: HB 2352 HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAII TEACHERS STANDARDS BOARD – SUPORT
Conference Room 229 – Hawaii State Capitol – March 16, 2018, 2:50 P.M.**

On behalf of the Hawai'i Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), I respectfully submit our testimony in strong support for HB 2352 HD1, Relating to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools. (HB2352 HD1)

HPCSN supports the expansion of HTSB to include more diverse organizational perspectives in teacher licensure and teacher preparation. The inclusion of Native Hawaiian viewpoints is also critical to help the state achieve goals within the state's strategic plan for public education. Ultimately, these changes that will help students to access high quality public education, in both traditional and charter public schools, which is critical to the success of our state.

Mahalo for your consideration. HPCSN works to improve the operation and governance of public charter schools in Hawai'i and to be a voice for children and families that seek educational choices and quality in an independent public-school setting.

March 16, 2018

Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of Committee,

We support HB2352 HD1, increasing membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC) and a non-voting public university student teacher, and clarifying that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

We are a group of advocates from Native Hawaiian, parent, disability, higher education, multilingual, social justice, and education reform communities who have come together to look at opportunities and risks for advancing equity and improving achievement under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We are committed to equity in education through either of the state's official languages, English and Hawaiian. We are concerned for specified groups that need particular attention - students with disabilities, students who do not speak the language of instruction, students with socio-economic challenges, and racial and ethnic groups that have historically not succeeded in our schools relative to others.

We think that both the addition of the member of the NHEC and a non-voting public university student teacher is appropriate for HTSB. NHEC is strongly tied to community and has an understanding of all aspects of Hawaiian Education and hence, a representative from the Council would be a great contribution. Regarding the non-voting student teacher member, we think it would be extremely valuable to have a teacher candidate voice, as they are the group that HTSB affects the most.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Cheri Nakamura
Martha Guinan
Sylvia Hussey
Patricia Halagao
Brook Chapman DeSousa
Gavin Thornton
William Pila Wilson
Ka'ano'i Walk
Kanakolu Noa
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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
March 16, 2018 at 2:50 p.m.

By
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Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy
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HB 2352 HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2352 HD1 that increases membership on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education council and a non-voting public university student teacher.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of this measure.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Native Hawaiian Education Council

March 13, 2018

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
State of Hawai'i Senate
Senate Committee on Education

Via: Electronic Upload – On-line Submission

RE: HB 2352 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

Aloha mai kakou,

The Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC or the Council) **SUPPORTS H.B. No 2352** based on:

- A. **Support of HB2352's Specific Additions:** 1) The chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council; 2) A non-voting teacher candidate; 3) "permit" language; 4) the Council's belief and practice to work collaboratively in support of teachers; and 5) the Council is a non-governmental entity, created as a result of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (i.e., IRC 501(c)(1)) and has a community based history and experiences in all facets of education (e.g., Hawaiian language medium, charter, Kaiapuni, early childhood, general education, project and place based, research, evaluation, curriculum, assessment, teacher education and preparation, professional development, administrator and leadership development).
- B. **The Native Hawaiian Education Mission, Vision and Goals (attached):**
Goal #1: 'Ōlelo Hawai'i: Advance 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Expectations; Actualize a Hawaiian Speaking Workforce; Amplify Access and Support; and Achieve Normalization; **Goal #2:** 'Ike Hawai'i: Actualize 'Ike Hawai'i; Amplify Leo Hawai'i and Advance Hana Hawai'i.
- C. **The Council's Platform and Priorities (attached) to: Intensify Systems Engagement** by amplifying two pathways of education—in English and Hawaiian medium community—in all facets (e.g., teachers, administrators, curriculum, instruction, assessment, programs, evaluation, accreditation); and supporting multiple education



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settings and sectors—public, including charter and Kaiapuni, independent, parochial, community based, early childhood, elementary, secondary and tertiary.

D. The Council's Platform and Priorities (attached) to: Advance Hawaiian Culture Based Education including culture based education in teacher education and preparation programs, professional development and meeting the needs in two pathways of education in the State of Hawai'i.

The Council is mindful that Hawai'i operates in a unique context of having a single State Educational Agency (SEA) and Local Educational Agency (LEA); two official languages—English and Hawaiian—that are mediums of instruction in the State's public education system; and a public charter school system that is a blend of Hawaiian language immersion and Hawaiian culture based schools and in the midst of implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)—the most pervasive federal policy change since No Child Left Behind in 2001, returning control to State's by Congressional intent; and one public post-secondary/tertiary system.

The Native Hawaiian Education Council was established in 1994 under the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act. The Council is charged with coordinating, assessing and reporting and making recommendations on the effectiveness of existing education programs for Native Hawaiians, the state of present Native Hawaiian education efforts, and improvements that may be made to existing programs, policies, and procedures to improve the educational attainment of Native Hawaiians.

Please feel free to contact the Council's Executive Director, Dr. Sylvia Hussey, directly via e-mail (sylvia@nhec.org), office (808.523.6432) with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

Attachments

cc: Policy & Advocacy and Executive Committees and staff





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Senate Committee on Education

Time: 2:50 p.m.

Date: March 16, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 229

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk

RE: HB 2352, HD1, Relating to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Kidani, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Kahele, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao o ka 'Aha Kenekoa, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** HB 2352, HD1, relating to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, which increases the membership on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. This measure will also clarify that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

We believe that the inclusion of a representative from the Native Hawaiian Education Council will help to provide increased Native Hawaiian education knowledge, perspective and acumen to the board. This is an important and highly inclusive step that will help inform discussion at the board level on past, current, and future Native Hawaiian education issues.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.

HB-2352-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2352 HD1 relating to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; and Board Permits.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2352 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No. 2352 HD1, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher and clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "We support Hawaiian language immersion schools that contribute to the revitalization and continuation of the Hawaiian language and appropriate assessments that accurately reflect Hawaiian language immersion students' progress and support the Hawaiian language immersion program. We support Hawaiian-focused schools and courses that provide culturallybased education in order to maximize choices in life and work. We support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture." (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 216-222 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2352 HD1 increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher and clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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