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Date: 02/20/2019
Time: 03:00 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 1221 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

Purpose of Bill: To clarify wording regarding delegation of powers to the Hawaii Teacher Standard Board's Executive Director to timely approve license and permit applications, to include comprehensive reporting of data from Hawaii Department of Education, Charter School Commission, and Charter Schools, of the number of classrooms without a licensed teacher during the school year.

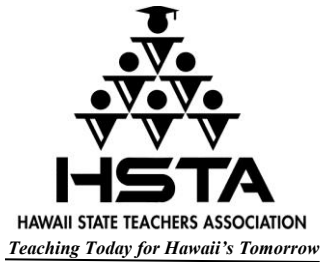
Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) takes no position on SB 1221.

The Department will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to provide information it deems necessary to forward its mission of contributing towards "a highly esteemed public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success."

Thank you for this 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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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION

RE: SB 1221 - RELATING TO HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

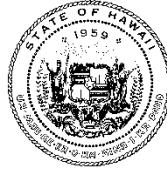
The Hawaii State Teachers Association **strongly supports SB 1221**, relating to Hawaii Teachers Standards Board.

SB 1221 would clarify wording regarding delegation of powers to the Hawaii Teacher Standard Board's Executive Director to timely approve license and permit applications, to include comprehensive reporting of data from Hawaii Department of Education, Charter School Commission, and Charter Schools, of the number of classrooms without a licensed teacher during the school year.

The data this study will provide will be extremely useful for all parties. It will show in no uncertain terms where we are able to keep teachers and where we are losing them. The study will also be able to show where we are relying on emergency hires in our classrooms and which student populations are being affected.

One of the key factors in handling any problem, in this case the shortage of qualified teachers, is to have the data of where, and why we have the problem. It is the Hawaii State Teachers Association's hope that with this data we will be able to come up with a plan of action to address the shortage of qualified teachers in our classrooms and focus on retaining our certified teachers.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks that your committee to **support SB 1221**.



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February 17, 2019

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

DATE: February 20, 2019

TIME: 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Conference Room 229

TITLE OF BILL: SB 1221 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

PURPOSE OF BILL:

To clarify wording regarding delegation of powers to the Hawaii Teacher Standard Board's Executive Director to timely approve license and permit applications, to include comprehensive reporting of data from Hawaii Department of Education, Charter School Commission, and Charter Schools, of the number of classrooms without a licensed teacher during the school year.

POSITION: Strong Support

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

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) strongly supports SB 1221. A clarifying language change will confirm that as individuals meet all requirements for a license or permit, their application can be approved by the executive director and their license issued immediately, instead of having to wait for the HTSB to meet and affirm their license.

This bill also adds one requirement to the annual report already required to be submitted by the Department of Education and the charter school commission, to report the number of classrooms without a licensed teacher for a quarter or more of the year. Currently, only the number of classrooms with an emergency hire teacher are reported, and this addition will give an accurate picture of all Hawaii classrooms without a licensed teacher. Knowing this will help the Legislature, preparation programs, and schools know the true need for closing the teacher recruitment and retention gap.

For charter schools, the responsibility for non-licensed classroom reporting at the school level will be transferred from the charter school commission to each charter school, to provide information throughout the year to confirm all charter teachers have the appropriate license or permit as required in statute. The charter commission will continue to report summary information on all charter schools on an annual basis.

Finally, the requirement to report on individual progress for licensure is removed from the department's annual report, as this information is better suited to the individual's professional growth plan at the school level to support progress toward licensure. This same requirement is also not required of individual charter schools.

Thank you for your support in and for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-1221

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1221

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Testimony for EDU on 2/20/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

There should be NO classrooms without licensed teachers in Hawai`i. Take the coaches and others out of the classrooms and put them back in. Continue to expand and support our "grow our own" supply and PAY educators appropriately.