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House Labor & Public Employment

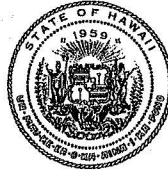
Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0501, SSCR 519 RELATING TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies membership requirements of the teacher education coordinating
committee.

Department's Position: The Department supports S.B. 0501, SSCR 519 that specifies
representatives must be from an accredited state teacher education
program and a provision that the Superintendent of Education and the
Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
may each appoint other members to the committee as needed.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT**

RE: SB 501 Relating to the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

DR. JONATHAN GILLENLINE, CHAIRPERSON
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Chairman Takumi, Chairman Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board strongly supports SB 501 Relating to the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee because it helps to clarify the membership of the Committee. The key is that membership is assigned by teacher education units not programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.