

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **623**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1553
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1553 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the quality of education for Hawaii's public students by making permanent the temporary statutory provisions that:

- (1) Reduced from four years to three years the maximum employment period for unlicensed teachers hired on an emergency basis by the Department of Education; and
- (2) Require unlicensed teachers hired on an emergency basis prior to July 1, 2008, to attain licensure within four years from the date of employment.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Christine K. Sorensen, Dean, College of Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

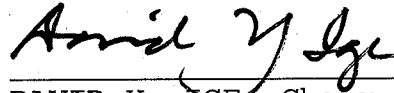
Your Committee finds that by reducing the maximum employment period for unlicensed teachers hired on an emergency basis, this measure seeks to bring the Department of Education's hiring practices in compliance with federal standards and ensure that all education professionals, including emergency hires, are held to high standards.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1553, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1553, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1553	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 2-25-11		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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