

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3266

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 3266 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the safety of children in our public schools by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to develop procedures, including criminal history record checks, to obtain verifiable information regarding the criminal history of persons who hold or are seeking a teaching license; and
- (2) Authorizing HTSB to refuse to issue or renew, or suspend or revoke, a teaching license if the licensee has been convicted of a crime, and if HTSB finds by reason of the nature and circumstances of the crime that the licensee poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of children.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill. HTSB offered comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3266 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



