

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report on the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee

**REFERENCE:** Section 304-20, HRS

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Report on activities relating to: 1) the development of strong teacher training programs at accredited institutions of higher learning in Hawaii and 2) addressing issues and concerns regarding teacher preparation and other educational matters related to improving education in the State of Hawaii

### **DOE REPORT:**

#### **Introduction**

The Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (TECC) meets once per month from September to May. Agenda items consist of matters of mutual concern of the institutions of higher education, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and the Department of Education.

Members include the superintendent of education, the dean of the college of education of the University of Hawaii, a representative from each accredited teacher training institution in Hawaii, and a representative from the Hawaii teacher standards board. In addition, the superintendent of education and the dean of the college of education of the University of Hawaii may each appoint other members to the committee; provided that at least two members of the committee from the University of Hawaii who are not within the college of education.

The annual report identified five areas that the TECC focused on in 2005-2006:

1. Development of a Statewide teacher evaluation strategic plan,
2. DOE-Office of Human Resources reorganization,
3. Receipt of State approval for a teacher education program in deaf education,
4. Aligning teacher dispositions at institution, and
5. Understanding trends in hiring and retention.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The TECC identified the following priorities and issues for 2006-2007:

- Priority Emergency Teacher Hiring
- Professional Development and Accreditation
- Assessment of Dispositions
- Early Childhood Education
- Hawaii Educator Loan Program
- IHE Graduates licensed upon graduation
- Standardized Teacher Curriculum
- TECC Legislative Priorities