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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Substitute teachers are a valuable resource to
2 any educational system and the department of education needs to
3 encourage qualified people to serve as substitute teachers. In
4 2004, the legislature realized that retired teachers bring a
5 wealth of knowledge and practical experience as substitute
6 teachers.

7 Act 137, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, authorized an
8 exemption, for ten years, for retired teachers holding a
9 teaching license from prerequisite course requirements necessary
10 for other substitute teachers. However, the legislature finds
11 that allowing such an exemption without any oversight may lead
12 to unintended negative consequences. The logical resolution to
13 this problem would be to allow the school's administrator to
14 determine whether the retired teacher is qualified to substitute
15 teach.

16 The purpose of this Act is to exempt licensed retired
17 teachers from any prerequisite coursework that the department
18 may require of other substitute teachers unless required by the



1 school administrator and approved by the superintendent of
2 education.

3 SECTION 2. Section 302A-638.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§302A-638.5[+] **Retired teachers; coursework waiver;**
6 **substitute teachers.** Retired department teachers who held a
7 valid teaching certificate or license at the date of their
8 retirement shall be exempt from any prerequisite coursework that
9 the department requires of other substitute teachers for a
10 period of ten years after the date of their retirement[-] unless
11 specifically requested otherwise by a school administrator and
12 approved by the superintendent of education or designee."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Education; Retired and Substitute Teacher Requirements;
Exemption

Description:

Authorizes school administrators, with approval of superintendent of education, to determine whether certain retired teachers are qualified to substitute teach without meeting prerequisite coursework required of other substitute teachers.

