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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. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards  
4 board, which shall be placed within the department for  
5 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of  
6 [~~thirteen~~] fourteen members, including not less than six  
7 licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching, three  
8 educational officers, at least one person with a non-teaching  
9 background, the chairperson of the board of education or the  
10 chairperson's designee, the superintendent or the  
11 superintendent's designee, a representative of independent  
12 schools, and the dean of the University of Hawaii college of  
13 education or the dean's designee; provided that the dean's  
14 designee shall be chosen from the member institutions of the  
15 teacher education coordinating committee established under  
16 section 304-20."

17           SECTION 2. Section 302A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1           "(b) In the development of its standards, the board shall  
2 consider the existing teacher applicant pool that is available  
3 in the State and the level of the qualification of these  
4 applicants, as well as the nature and availability of existing  
5 preservice higher education teacher training programs. The  
6 board may also consider for employment persons who have a  
7 bachelor's or higher degree and who have prior experience in  
8 teaching or teacher training. However, such persons shall only  
9 be considered for positions teaching subjects in which they have  
10 a degree."

11           SECTION 3. The department of education may implement  
12 formal mentoring programs to support newly hired teachers  
13 expanding on the standardized statewide teacher induction  
14 program established in Act 159, section 10, Session Laws of  
15 Hawaii 2005.

16           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Teacher Recruitment; Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

**Description:**

Allows the Department of Education to consider hiring persons with bachelors or higher degrees who have teaching experience to teach in subjects in which they have a degree. Requires that one member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board come from a non-teaching background. Authorizes the Department of Education to expand on the standardized statewide Teacher Induction Program. (SD1)

