
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, since July 2002,
2 the Hawaii teacher standards board has been licensing teachers
3 and approving teacher preparation programs. The Hawaii teacher
4 standards board has been working in collaboration with teacher
5 preparation programs, schools, agencies, and the department of
6 education to improve the quantity and quality of data that is
7 accessible to all parties. Accessibility to the necessary data
8 on teachers improves the State's ability to plan for and
9 strengthen quality teachers.

10 Over the past several years, the Hawaii teacher standards
11 board has been developing an electronic teacher licensing system
12 that has the capability to interface with public and private
13 Hawaii teacher education institutions and the department of
14 education and to share information about licensed teachers, as
15 well as to receive data from these same institutions and
16 agencies. The electronic teacher licensing system would
17 expedite operations and avoid the need for duplicative
18 collection of data by multiple institutions and agencies. This



1 sharing of information would enable all parties to expedite the
2 processes required in the performance of their duties and
3 responsibilities.

4 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the board of
5 education, based on the support of the teacher education
6 coordinating committee, to coordinate the creation of a data
7 interface network consisting of teacher education institutions
8 and the department of education in order to support the free
9 interchange of information valuable to all of the participating
10 organizations.

11 SECTION 2. The data sharing effort involves technology,
12 functionality, and project management and coordination. The
13 Hawaii teacher standards board uses simple object access
14 protocol-based web services as the technology base for the
15 interface between its network partners. All parties shall
16 implement simple object access protocol-based web services or
17 install turnkey hardware, software, and communications
18 translation solutions to interface existing systems to the
19 information network without changing those existing systems.

20 Over the next several months, the participating
21 organizations shall work to agree on a list of transactions that
22 each will be prepared to service and originate. These



1 transactions shall include all information that each
2 participating institution or agency stores in its automated
3 systems, including data from the department of education, that
4 may support teacher licensing, re-licensing, teacher education
5 and hiring, including, but not limited to:

- 6 (1) License information for any current licensee, license
7 application information for any applicant;
- 8 (2) State approved teacher education program completion
9 information;
- 10 (3) University course completion information for any
11 licensee;
- 12 (4) Higher education degree information;
- 13 (5) Teacher employment and work site information; and
- 14 (6) Teacher termination, resignation, retirement or leave
15 status data records.

16 Based on discussions among all participating organizations,
17 an assessment of available internal resources and additional
18 resources required shall be used to determine the funding needed
19 to implement this Act.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort that
2 creates a data interface network among public and private Hawaii
3 teacher education institutions and the department of education;
4 provided that funds are used or disbursed in consultation with
5 the participating organizations.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 education for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Teachers; Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Data Interface Network

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort that creates a data interface network to promote the free interchange of information among public and private Hawaii teacher education institutions and the department of education. Appropriates funds.

