
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 teacher quality.

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 institutions and agencies.
16 The electronic teacher licensing system would expedite
17 operations and avoid duplication in data collection by multiple
18 institutions and agencies.



1 The purpose of this Act is to improve the coordination,
2 avoid duplication, and support the free interchange of
3 information related to teacher preparation and licensing by
4 appropriating funds for the Hawaii teacher standards board to
5 coordinate the creation of a data interface network between the
6 department of education and public and private teacher education
7 institutions in the state.

8 SECTION 2. The Hawaii teacher standards board and partner
9 agencies shall determine a mutually-acceptable data transfer
10 method for the data to be exchanged. Technology, functionality,
11 and project management and coordination shall be considered in
12 determining the data transfer method.

13 The participating organizations shall compile a list of
14 transactions that each will be prepared to service and
15 originate. These transactions shall include all information
16 that each participating institution or agency stores in its
17 automated systems, including data from the department of
18 education, that may support teacher licensing, re-licensing,
19 education, and hiring, including:

- 20 (1) Licensing status information for licensed teachers;
21 (2) License application information for teacher
22 applicants;



- 1 (3) State-approved teacher education program completion
2 information;
- 3 (4) University course completion information for licensed
4 teachers;
- 5 (5) Higher education degree information;
- 6 (6) Teacher employment and work site information; and
- 7 (7) Teacher termination, resignation, retirement, and
8 leave status data records.

9 The participating organizations shall conduct an assessment
10 of available internal resources and additional required
11 resources to determine the funding necessary to implement this
12 Act.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
16 Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate the creation of a
17 data interface network among public and private Hawaii teacher
18 education institutions and the department of education; provided
19 that funds are used or disbursed in consultation with the
20 participating organizations.



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

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



Report Title:

Teachers; Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Data Interface Network

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to coordinate the creation of a data interface network for information related to teacher preparation and licensing, between the Department of Education and public and private teacher education institutions in the state. (HB3221 HD1)

