A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1   SECTION 1. Section 302A-1124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3   "(e) Unless otherwise specified, each school community

4 council shall establish policies governing the council's

5 composition, election, staggered terms of office for members,

6 operation, and vacancies; provided that:

7   (1) The number of school personnel [+]on[+] any school

8   community council shall be equal to the number of

9   primary stakeholders on the school community council;

10   (2) At the elementary and middle school levels, each

11   school community council shall be composed of the

12   principal and at least one member representing each of

13   the following groups:

14   (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and

15   collected from the parents of the school's

16   students;

17   (B) Teachers elected by ballots [distributed among

18   and collected from teachers of the school;]

1   through a process determined by the exclusive

2   representative;

3   (C) Noncertificated school personnel elected by

4   ballots distributed among and collected from

5   noncertificated personnel of the school;

6   (D) Community representatives elected by ballots

7   distributed among and collected from parents of

8   the school's students; and

9   (E) Student representatives selected by the student

10   council of the school; [and] provided that for

11   any school for which no student council exists,

12   the principal, in collaboration with the school

13   community council, shall develop a process for

14   the selection of a student representative; and

15 (3) At the high school level, each school community

16   council shall be composed of the principal and at

17   least one member representing each of the following

18   groups:

19   (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and

20   collected from parents of the school's students;

21   (B) Teachers elected by ballots [distributed among

22   and collected from teachers of the school;]

1   <u>through a process determined by the exclusive</u>

2   <u>representative;</u>

3   (C) Noncertificated school personnel elected by

4   ballots distributed among and collected from

5   noncertificated personnel of the school;

6   (D) Community representatives elected by ballots

7   distributed among and collected from the parents

8   of the school's students; and

9   (E) Student representatives selected by the student

10   council of the school.

11 For the purposes of this subsection, "primary stakeholders"

12 means students, parents, and community members."

13 SECTION 2. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, is amended

14 by amending section 34 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 34. Ultimately all education reform must be

16 driven by the needs of students. Students are the primary

17 clients served by the public education system and they must be

18 served well by providing them with access to the tools they need

19 to succeed, a nurturing environment conducive to learning, and

20 supplementary opportunities for growth that facilitate their

21 development.

1   The legislature finds that much of an individual's

2   cognitive, emotional, and social development takes place in

3   their earliest years of life. To a significant extent,

4   opportunities during this age set the parameters for an

5   individual's development throughout the rest of the individual's

6   life. The legislature further finds that grade three is a

7   pivotal year in preparation for the No Child Left Behind Act's

8   assessment plans. For this reason, children in the preceding

9   grades should be provided with the instructional support needed

10   to ensure superior performance in assessment instruments

11   mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

12   For these reasons, the Legislature finds that a class size

13   of not more than twenty-five students per teacher [to be

14   advisable] is necessary in kindergarten, grade one, and grade

15   two classrooms.

16   The purpose of this part is to appropriate funding to:

17   (1) Provide mathematics textbooks and other mathematics

18   learning materials;

19   (2) Reduce class size in kindergarten, grade one, and

20   grade two;

21   (3) Provide for full-time, year-round, high school student

22   activity coordinators; and

1   (4)   Programs that support parents in working with students

2   who need additional help to succeed in school provided

3   the programs have measurable outcomes."

4   SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $, or so

6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and

7 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

8 year 2008-2009, to reduce kindergarten class size to establish

9 an eighteen-to-one student to teacher ratio and to reduce junior

10 kindergarten class size to establish a ten-to-one student to

11 teacher ratio.

12   The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department

13 of education for the purposes of this Act.

14   SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general

15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $, or so

16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and

17 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

18 year 2008-2009, for establishing new teacher advisors/peer

19 assistance mentors with the target of achieving a ratio of

20 fifteen new teachers to one new teacher advisor/peer assistance

21 mentor within each school complex area.

1   The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department

2   of education for the purposes of this Act.

3   SECTION 5.   Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

4   and stricken.   New statutory material is underscored.

5   SECTION 6.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

Report Title:

DOE; School Community Councils; Class Sizes; Student-to-Teacher Ratio; Appropriation

Description:

Clarifying selection of teacher representatives on school community councils. Appropriates moneys to the department of education for reduction in kindergarten class size and to establish new teacher advisors/peer assistance mentors. (SD1)