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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

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

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PART I

SECTION 1. The purpose of this part is to:

- (1) Increase the number of teaching professionals on the Hawaii teacher standards board;
- (2) Define "teachers regularly engaged in teaching"; and
- (3) Clarify those organizations that may nominate candidates for membership on the Hawaii teacher standards board.

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

"(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards board, which shall be placed within the department for administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of [~~thirteen~~] fourteen members, including not [~~less~~] fewer than [~~six~~] seven licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching, three educational officers, the chairperson of the board of education or the chairperson's designee, the superintendent or



1 the superintendent's designee, a representative of independent
2 schools, and the dean of the University of Hawaii college of
3 education or the dean's designee; provided that the dean's
4 designee shall be chosen from the member institutions of the
5 teacher education coordinating committee established under
6 section [†]304A-1202 [†]. For purposes of this section,
7 "teachers regularly engaged in teaching" shall mean teachers,
8 school counselors, and school librarians who are not assigned
9 the duties of a school administrator.

10 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
11 the superintendent, and the dean of the college of education,
12 the governor shall appoint the members of the board pursuant to
13 section 26-34, from a list of qualified nominees submitted to
14 the governor by the [~~departments, agencies, and organizations~~
15 ~~representative of the constituencies of the board.~~] exclusive
16 representative for public school teachers and school
17 administrators and the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools
18 for the private school teachers. To the extent possible, the
19 board membership shall reflect representation of elementary and
20 secondary school personnel from [~~all islands.~~] Oahu and the
21 neighbor islands approximating the proportion of teachers and
22 administrators that work in these areas. The teacher members of



1 the Hawaii teacher standards board shall hold licenses
2 representative of the range of subject matter and levels,
3 elementary, middle, and high school, taught in public schools.
4 The school administrator members of the Hawaii teacher standards
5 board shall be administrators assigned to elementary, middle,
6 and high schools."

7 **PART II**

8 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that, since July 2002,
9 the legislature has authorized the Hawaii teacher standards
10 board to approve teacher preparation programs as well as to
11 license teachers. In collaboration with these programs, their
12 institutions or agencies, and the department of education, the
13 board has been working to improve the quality and quantity of
14 data accessible to all parties to improve its ability to plan
15 and strengthen its efforts for teacher quality.

16 Over the past several years, the board has been developing
17 an electronic licensing system that has the capability of
18 interfacing with public and private Hawaii teacher education
19 institutions and the department of education to share
20 information about licensed teachers. The system also has the
21 capacity to receive data from these same institutions and
22 agencies in a new way that expedites operations as well as



1 avoids the need for duplicative collection of data by multiple
2 institutions and agencies. This sharing of information will
3 enable all parties to expedite the performance of their duties
4 and responsibilities.

5 The data-sharing effort has three facets: (1) technology;
6 (2) functionality; and (3) project management and coordination.
7 The Hawaii teacher standards board uses SOAP-based web services
8 as the technology base for the interface between its network
9 partners, and there is a need for all parties to implement SOAP-
10 based web services or install turnkey
11 hardware/software/communications translation solutions to
12 interface partners' existing systems to the information network
13 without change to those systems.

14 The legislature further finds that, over the next several
15 months, the participating organizations will work to agree on
16 the list of transactions that each will be prepared to service
17 and originate. These transactions shall include all information
18 that each participating institution or agency, including the
19 department of education, stores in its automated system that may
20 support teacher licensing, re-licensing, teacher education, and
21 hiring, including but not limited to license information for any
22 current licensees, license application information for any



1 applicant, state-approved teacher education program completer
2 information, university course completion information for any
3 licensee, higher education degree information, teacher
4 employment and work site information, teacher termination,
5 resignation, retirement, and leave status.

6 The purpose of this part, based on the support of the
7 teacher education coordinating committee, is to authorize the
8 Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort to create
9 a network incorporating the teacher education institutions and
10 the department of education in order to support the free
11 interchange of information valuable to all of the participating
12 organizations. Further, it is the purpose of this part to
13 provide funds to achieve this interchange.

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 2008-2009 for
17 the purposes of this part; provided that:

- 18 (1) An assessment of available internal resources and
19 additional resources required shall be used to
20 determine the funding needed to implement this part;
21 and



1 (2) In consultation with the participating organizations,
2 the Hawaii teacher standards board shall use and
3 disburse the funds to the network partners in a manner
4 that responds to the organizations' needs and
5 circumstances while aiming to meet the purposes of
6 this part.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
8 teacher standards board for the purposes of this part.

9 **PART III**

10 SECTION 5. The purpose of this part is to increase
11 accountability and expand the scope of the information provided
12 by the Hawaii teacher standards board to the legislature and the
13 governor to include information on income and expenditures and
14 to require a summary report with data from the previous five
15 years of the Hawaii teacher standards board's accomplishments
16 and objectives, efforts to improve and maintain teacher quality,
17 and efforts to keep its operations responsive and efficient.

18 SECTION 6. Section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) In addition to establishing standards for the
21 issuance and renewal of licenses and any other powers and duties
22 authorized by law, the board's powers shall also include:



- 1 (1) Setting and administering its own budget;
- 2 (2) Adopting, amending, or repealing the rules of the
3 board in accordance with chapter 91;
- 4 (3) Receiving grants or donations from private
5 foundations, and state and federal funds;
- 6 (4) Submitting an annual report to the governor and the
7 legislature on the board's operations, including
8 income and expenditures, and [~~from the 2007-2008~~
9 ~~school year, submitting~~] a summary report [every] with
10 data from the previous five years of the board's
11 accomplishment of objectives, efforts to improve or
12 maintain teacher quality, and efforts to keep its
13 operations responsive and efficient;
- 14 (5) Conducting a cyclical review of standards and
15 suggesting revisions for their improvement;
- 16 (6) Establishing licensing fees in accordance with chapter
17 91, including the collection of fees by means of
18 mandatory payroll deductions, which shall subsequently
19 be deposited into the state treasury and credited to
20 the Hawaii teacher standards board special fund;
- 21 (7) Establishing penalties in accordance with chapter 91;



- 1 (8) Issuing, renewing, revoking, suspending, and
2 reinstating licenses;
- 3 (9) Reviewing reports from the department on individuals
4 hired on an emergency basis;
- 5 (10) Applying licensing standards on a case-by-case basis
6 and conducting licensing evaluations;
- 7 (11) Preparing and disseminating teacher licensing
8 information to schools and operational personnel;
- 9 (12) Approving teacher preparation programs;
- 10 (13) Administering reciprocity agreements with other states
11 relative to licensing;
- 12 (14) Conducting research and development on teacher
13 licensure systems, beginning teacher programs, the
14 assessment of teaching skills, and other related
15 topics;
- 16 (15) Participating in efforts relating to teacher quality
17 issues, conducting professional development related to
18 the board's standards, and promotion of high teacher
19 standards and accomplished teaching; and
- 20 (16) Adopting applicable rules and procedures."



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PART IV

SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 4 shall be effective on July 1, 2008; provided further that the amendments made to section 302A-803(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in section 5 of this Act, shall not be repealed when that section is reenacted on July 1, 2009, pursuant to section 4 of Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Changes the composition of the Hawaii teacher standards board to include seven licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching members; defines the term "teachers regularly engaged in teaching"; and clarifies nominating procedures for board members. Appropriates funds for data/information management efforts of the board. Requires the Hawaii teacher standards board to include in its annual report to the governor and the legislature information on income and expenditures and supporting data.

