
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

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

PART I

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2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, since July 2002,
3 the Hawaii teacher standards board has been licensing teachers
4 and approving teacher preparation programs. The Hawaii teacher
5 standards board has worked in collaboration with teacher
6 preparation programs, schools, agencies, and the department of
7 education to improve the quantity and quality of teachers in the
8 State, as well as the quantity and quality of necessary and
9 relevant data that is accessible to all parties.

10 In 2007, the confirmation process for nominations to the
11 Hawaii teacher standards board became an issue. Questions
12 regarding the appropriate entities to make recommendations to
13 the governor under the law and specifying or clarifying those
14 constituencies to be represented, including their size, require
15 the legislature's attention to ensure effective operations of
16 the Hawaii teacher standards board through proper representation
17 of interested parties. Efforts to address the process have been



1 undertaken through a collaborative effort by the interested
2 parties, including the Hawaii teacher standards board, to refine
3 the current system.

4 The purpose of this Act is to make necessary changes to the
5 membership and nomination process for, provide necessary funding
6 for increased information accessibility for, and increase
7 accountability of the Hawaii teacher standards board.

8 **PART II**

9 SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to:

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

16 SECTION 3. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

18 "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards
19 board, which shall be placed within the department for
20 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of
21 [~~thirteen~~] fourteen members, including not [~~less~~] fewer than
22 [~~six~~] seven licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching,



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

12 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
13 the superintendent, and the dean of the college of education,
14 the governor shall appoint the members of the board pursuant to
15 section 26-34, from a list of qualified nominees submitted to
16 the governor by [~~the departments, agencies, and organizations~~
17 ~~representative of the constituencies of the board.~~]:

18 (1) The exclusive representatives for public school
19 teachers and school administrators;

20 (2) Any national professional organization that represents
21 teachers or school administrators with a local chapter
22 in the State; and



1 (3) The Hawaii Association of Independent Schools for the
2 private school teachers.

3 To the extent possible, the board membership shall reflect
4 representation of elementary and secondary school personnel from
5 [all islands-] Oahu and the neighbor islands approximating the
6 proportion of teachers and administrators that work in these
7 areas. The teacher members of the Hawaii teacher standards
8 board shall hold licenses representative of the range of subject
9 matter and levels, elementary, middle, and high school, taught
10 in public schools. The school administrator members of the
11 Hawaii teacher standards board shall be administrators assigned
12 to elementary, middle, and high schools."

13 **PART III**

14 SECTION 4. Over the past several years, the board has been
15 developing an electronic licensing system that has the
16 capability of interfacing with public and private Hawaii teacher
17 education institutions and the department of education to share
18 information about licensed teachers. The system also has the
19 capacity to receive data from these same institutions and
20 agencies in a new way that expedites operations as well as
21 avoids the need for duplicative collection of data by multiple
22 institutions and agencies. This sharing of information will

1 enable all parties to expedite the performance of their duties
2 and responsibilities.

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

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



1 licensee, higher education degree information, teacher
2 employment and work site information, teacher termination,
3 resignation, retirement, and leave status.

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

12 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
15 the purposes of this part; provided that:

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

20 (2) In consultation with the participating organizations,
21 the Hawaii teacher standards board shall use and
22 disburse the funds to the network partners in a manner



1 that responds to the organizations' needs and
2 circumstances while aiming to meet the purposes of
3 this part.

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

6 **PART IV**

7 SECTION 6. The purpose of this part is to increase
8 accountability and expand the scope of the information provided
9 by the Hawaii teacher standards board to the legislature and the
10 governor to include information on income and expenditures and
11 to require a summary report with data from the previous five
12 years of the Hawaii teacher standards board's accomplishments
13 and objectives, efforts to improve and maintain teacher quality,
14 and efforts to keep its operations responsive and efficient.

15 SECTION 7. Section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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

- 20 (1) Setting and administering its own budget;
21 (2) Adopting, amending, or repealing the rules of the
22 board in accordance with chapter 91;



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



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

17 **PART V**

18 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
21 provided that section 5 shall be effective on July 1, 2008;
22 provided further that the amendments made to section



1 302A-803(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in section 7 of this Act,
2 shall not be repealed when that section is reenacted on July 1,
3 2009, pursuant to section 4 of Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii
4 2007.



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. (SD1)

