
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 will expedite
17 operations and avoid the need for duplicative collection of data
18 by multiple institutions and agencies. This sharing of



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

21 Over the next several months, the participating
22 organizations shall work to agree on a list of transactions that



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

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

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

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
2 the Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort that
3 creates a data interface network among public and private Hawaii
4 teacher education institutions and the department of education;
5 provided that funds are used or disbursed in consultation with
6 the participating organizations.

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

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



Report Title:

HTSB; Data Interface Network; Appropriation

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. (SD1)

