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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's public  
2 schools would be well served if there were an abundance of  
3 highly qualified teachers from which principals could select for  
4 their schools.

5           SECTION 2. Section 302A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7           "(c) The board shall adopt policies, exempt from chapters  
8 91 and 92, to initiate the following:

9           (1) Develop criteria allowing more individuals with trade  
10           or industry experience to teach in vocational,  
11           technical, and career pathway programs, and criteria  
12           for the issuance of permits allowing qualified  
13           individuals to teach when recommended by the  
14           superintendent. The department shall be responsible  
15           for the review and acceptance of the relevant  
16           licenses, certificates, or other qualifications  
17           related to an individual's vocational, technical, or



1 career pathway education-related experience that the  
2 department deems necessary for a permit. The  
3 department shall have the authority to waive the  
4 requirement of a bachelor's degree to teach in a  
5 vocation, technical, or career pathway education  
6 program;

7 (2) Develop a plan to accept teachers from any state as  
8 long as they have completed state-approved teacher  
9 education programs and pass relevant Hawaii teacher  
10 examinations or their equivalent;

11 (3) Clarify the requirements, on a state-by-state basis,  
12 for out-of-state licensed teachers to obtain a license  
13 in Hawaii;

14 (4) Develop a plan to facilitate licensing for those who  
15 intend to teach in Hawaii immersion programs, the  
16 island of Niihau, or any other extraordinary situation  
17 as defined by the superintendent or the  
18 superintendent's designee; and

19 (5) [~~Pursue full teacher license reciprocity with the mid-~~  
20 ~~Atlantic states,]~~ Issue Hawaii licenses to teachers  
21 with licenses issued by California, Colorado,  
22 Illinois, Michigan, New York, Oregon, and



1            Washington[-], and any other state whose licensing  
2            standards are not lower than Hawaii's."

3            SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5            SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Teaching Licensure; Standards; Out-of-State Teachers

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of a Hawaii teacher's license based on the possession of an active license from California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Washington, and from any state whose licensure standards are the same or higher than those of Hawaii.

