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# 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 upon hiring, new  
2 teachers do not receive credit for coursework completed in  
3 excess of that necessary to attain a bachelor's or master's  
4 degree. Therefore, these teachers do not receive any financial  
5 enhancement, although they have completed coursework beyond  
6 their degrees that may also be directly related to teaching in  
7 their specific subject matter areas or fields.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
9 education to conduct a study on the number of and the extent to  
10 which newly hired teachers are adversely affected by the  
11 inability to receive credit for coursework completed in excess  
12 of that required for their degrees.

13           SECTION 2. The department of education shall report to the  
14 legislature on the number of newly hired teachers with a start  
15 date of August 1, 2007, or later, who possess either bachelor's  
16 or master's degrees and credits in excess of those degrees for  
17 which they will not receive credit from the department of



1 education in determining their salary or position  
2 classification. The report shall also include information on  
3 the types of credits earned, the number of credits in excess of  
4 degrees earned, the subject matter areas of the credits earned,  
5 the relevance of the credits earned to teaching, and the cost  
6 impact of providing compensation to those teachers with excess  
7 credits. The department of education shall submit its report to  
8 the legislature on the foregoing no later than twenty days prior  
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

DOE; Teachers' Salary Schedule; Credits for Degrees and Courses

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to report to the legislature on the number of teachers hired after 8/1/07 who are adversely affected by not receiving credit for post-baccalaureate and post-master's degree credits upon hiring.  
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