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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, 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



1 by multiple institutions and agencies. This sharing of  
2 information will also enable all parties to expedite the  
3 processes required in the performance of their duties and  
4 responsibilities.

5 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Hawaii teacher  
6 standards board, based on the support of the teacher education  
7 coordinating committee, to coordinate the creation of a data  
8 interface network consisting of teacher education institutions  
9 and the department of education in order to support the free  
10 interchange of information valuable to all of the participating  
11 organizations.

12 SECTION 2. The Hawaii teacher standards board shall  
13 coordinate a data-sharing effort that shall involve technology,  
14 functionality, and project management and coordination. The  
15 Hawaii teacher standards board shall use simple object access  
16 protocol-based web services as the technology base for the  
17 interface between its network partners. All parties shall  
18 implement simple object access protocol-based web services or  
19 install turnkey hardware, software, and communications  
20 translation solutions to interface existing systems to the  
21 information network without changing those existing systems.



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

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

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



1           The Hawaii teacher standards board shall submit findings  
2 and recommendations to the legislature not later than twenty  
3 days before the convening of the regular session of 2010.

4           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2010-2011 for the Hawaii teacher standards board to  
9 coordinate an effort that creates a data interface network among  
10 public and private Hawaii teacher education institutions and the  
11 department of education; provided that funds are used or  
12 disbursed in consultation with the participating organizations.

13           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
14 of education for the purposes of this Act.

15           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; 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.

