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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 Hawaii's education  
2 system would benefit from certain statewide standards and  
3 assessments regarding teaching materials, which would allow the  
4 State to be competitive for grants such as the federal Race to  
5 the Top Program. The legislature also finds that setting  
6 standards and assessments for statewide curriculum may improve  
7 the State's ability to provide a quality education to students  
8 from military families who are transitioning to public schools  
9 in Hawaii.

10           The purpose of this Act is to:

11           (1) Require department of education teaching materials to  
12 be consistent with the federal government's Race to  
13 the Top fund selection criteria for standards and  
14 assessments;

15           (2) Require standards-based curriculum teaching materials  
16 to be consistent with the federal government's Race to  
17 the Top fund selection criteria for standards and



1 assessments, except upon the approval of a waiver by  
2 the department of education; and  
3 (3) Require the department of education to initiate a  
4 collaborative effort with the Joint Venture Education  
5 Forum and the Department of Defense Education Activity  
6 toward the establishment of consistent curricula and  
7 assessments and methods of optimizing economies of  
8 scale in the purchase of teaching materials for  
9 military students who are transitioning to Hawaii  
10 schools.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
13 designated and to read as follows:

14 **"§302A- Teaching materials; standards and assessments.**

15 Except upon approval of a waiver submitted by a public school to  
16 the department, all teaching materials used by public schools  
17 shall meet the United States Department of Education's  
18 regulations determining selection criteria on standards and  
19 assessments for state applications for Race to the Top fund  
20 allocations under section 14001 of the federal American Recovery  
21 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as amended."



1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) When developing a standards-based curriculum and  
4 implementing it in a school or complex, at the minimum, the  
5 curriculum shall:

- 6 (1) Be specific in its standards-based scope and sequence  
7 over a school year for each grade level and course;
- 8 (2) Be consistent in course content;
- 9 (3) Be aligned across all grade levels;
- 10 (4) Specifically address the state content and performance  
11 standards and related benchmark maps; [~~and~~]
- 12 (5) Be implemented in all appropriate classrooms in the  
13 school or complex[~~-~~]; and
- 14 (6) Include the use of teaching materials that meet the  
15 United States Department of Education's regulations  
16 determining selection criteria on standards and  
17 assessments for state applications for Race to the Top  
18 fund allocations under section 14001 of the federal  
19 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as  
20 amended."

21 SECTION 4. The department of education shall initiate a  
22 collaborative effort with the Joint Venture Education Forum and



1 the Department of Defense Education Activity to make findings  
2 and recommendations, including recommended legislation,  
3 regarding the establishment of consistent curricula and  
4 assessments and methods of optimizing economies of scale in the  
5 purchase of textbooks and other teaching materials for military  
6 students who are transitioning to Hawaii schools. The  
7 department of education shall submit to the legislature a report  
8 of the findings and recommendations, including recommended  
9 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the start of the  
10 2011 regular session.

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

DOE; Teaching Materials; Race to the Top Standards and Assessments; Transitioning Military Students

**Description:**

Requires the department of education (DOE) to use school-based curriculum to include teaching materials that are consistent with the federal government's Race to the Top fund selection criteria. Requires the DOE to report to the legislature recommendations for the establishment of consistent curricula and assessments and methods of optimizing economies of scale in the purchase of teaching materials for military students who are transitioning to Hawaii schools.

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