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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. Over the past several years, the Hawaii teacher  
2 standards board has worked to electronically interface with  
3 public and private Hawaii teacher education institutions and the  
4 department of education to share information about licensed  
5 teachers. The board's goal is to receive data from these  
6 institutions and agencies in a way that expedites operations and  
7 avoids the duplicative collection of data by multiple  
8 institutions and agencies. In accordance with the federal  
9 Higher Education Opportunity Act, data sharing between the State  
10 and higher education institutions is now federally mandated. In  
11 addition, data sharing will enable all parties to expedite the  
12 performance of their duties and responsibilities. The data-  
13 sharing effort provided for in this Act has three facets:

- 14           (1) Technology;
- 15           (2) Functionality; and
- 16           (3) Project management and coordination.

17           SECTION 2. As a result of legislation passed in 2008, the  
18 Hawaii teacher standards board has worked with teacher education



1 institutions and the department of education to determine a  
2 mutually acceptable data transfer method for the exchange of  
3 data. The board has also worked with participating  
4 organizations on the list of transactions that each organization  
5 will provide. The transactions will include all information  
6 that the participating institutions or agencies store in their  
7 automated systems that support teacher licensing, relicensing,  
8 education, and hiring, including but not limited to license  
9 information for current licensees, application information for  
10 applicants, state-approved teacher education program completion  
11 information, university course completion information for  
12 licensees, higher education degree information, teacher  
13 employment and work site information, and teacher termination,  
14 resignation, retirement, and leave status.

15 SECTION 3. The purpose of this Act, as supported by the  
16 teacher education coordinating committee, is to authorize funds  
17 to the Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort to  
18 create a network between the teacher education institutions and  
19 the department of education to support the interchange of  
20 information identified and agreed to by the participating  
21 organizations. Further, it is the purpose of this Act to  
22 provide funds to achieve this interchange.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 5 year 2010-2011 for the purposes of this Act; provided that:

6 (1) An assessment of available internal resources and  
 7 additional resources required shall be used to  
 8 determine the funding needed to implement this part;  
 9 and

10 (2) In consultation with the participating organizations,  
 11 the Hawaii teacher standards board shall use and  
 12 disburse the funds to the network partners in a manner  
 13 that responds to the organizations' needs and  
 14 circumstances while aiming to meet the purposes of  
 15 this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
 17 teacher standards board for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*  
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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Data Interface; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate a network to support the interchange of information about licensed teachers.

