
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the thirteen-member
2 Hawaii teacher standards board is responsible for establishing
3 standards for the issuance and renewal of licenses for teachers;
4 serves as the final adjudicator for appeals relating to
5 licensing, including issuance or nonissuance of licenses, and
6 the suspension, nonrenewal, and revocation of licenses; and
7 approves teacher education programs and the professional
8 development of teachers.

9 SECTION 2. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended as follows:

11 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

12 "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards
13 board, which shall be placed within the department for
14 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of
15 [~~thirteen~~] fifteen members, including [~~not less~~]:

16 (1) No fewer than six licensed teachers regularly engaged
17 in teaching[~~, three~~];



- 1 (2) Three educational officers [~~the~~];
- 2 (3) The chairperson of the board of education or the
- 3 chairperson's designee [~~the~~];
- 4 (4) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee [~~r~~
- 5 a];
- 6 (5) A representative of independent schools [~~and the~~];
- 7 (6) The dean of the University of Hawaii college of
- 8 education or the dean's designee; provided that the
- 9 dean's designee shall be chosen from the member
- 10 institutions of the teacher education coordinating
- 11 committee established under section [~~+~~]304A-1202 [~~+~~];
- 12 and
- 13 (7) Two members appointed from among the members of:
- 14 (A) The Hawaii Business Roundtable;
- 15 (B) The Hawaii P-20 Initiative; or
- 16 (C) The workforce development council."

17 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

18 "(c) Appointed board members shall serve not more than

19 three consecutive three-year terms [~~provided that the initial~~

20 ~~terms of the appointed members that commence after June 30,~~

21 ~~2000, shall be staggered, as follows:~~

22 ~~(1) Three members to serve three-year terms;~~



1 ~~(2) Three members to serve two year terms; and~~
2 ~~(3) One member to serve a one year term]."~~

3 SECTION 3. Section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§302A-803 Powers and duties of the board.** (a) In
6 addition to establishing standards for the issuance and renewal
7 of licenses and any other powers and duties authorized by law,
8 the board's powers shall also include:

- 9 (1) Setting and administering its own budget;
- 10 (2) Adopting, amending, or repealing the rules of the
11 board in accordance with chapter 91;
- 12 (3) Receiving grants or donations from private
13 foundations, and state and federal funds;
- 14 (4) Submitting an annual report to the governor and the
15 legislature on the board's operations and from the
16 2007-2008 school year, submitting a summary report
17 every five years of the board's accomplishment of
18 objectives, efforts to improve or maintain teacher
19 quality, and efforts to keep its operations responsive
20 and efficient;
- 21 (5) Conducting a cyclical review of standards and
22 suggesting revisions for their improvement;



- 1 (6) Establishing licensing fees in accordance with chapter
2 91 [~~including the collection of fees by means of~~
3 ~~mandatory payroll deductions, which shall~~] and
4 determining the manner by which fees are collected and
5 subsequently [be] deposited into the state treasury
6 and credited to the Hawaii teacher standards board
7 special fund;
- 8 (7) Establishing penalties in accordance with chapter 91;
- 9 (8) Issuing, renewing, revoking, suspending, and
10 reinstating licenses;
- 11 (9) Reviewing reports from the department on individuals
12 hired on an emergency basis;
- 13 (10) Applying licensing standards on a case-by-case basis
14 and conducting licensing evaluations;
- 15 (11) Preparing and disseminating teacher licensing
16 information to schools and operational personnel;
- 17 (12) Approving teacher preparation programs;
- 18 (13) Administering reciprocity agreements with other states
19 relative to licensing;
- 20 (14) Conducting research and development on teacher
21 licensure systems, beginning teacher programs, the



1 assessment of teaching skills, and other related
2 topics;

3 (15) Participating in efforts relating to teacher quality
4 issues, [~~conducting~~] professional development related
5 to the board's standards, and promotion of high
6 teacher standards and accomplished teaching; [~~and~~]

7 (16) Adopting applicable rules and procedures[-]; and

8 (17) Adopting, amending, repealing, or suspending the
9 policies and standards of the board.

10 (b) If, in accordance with chapter 92, the board
11 determines, on a case-by-case basis, that extenuating
12 circumstances exist to justify the suspension, the board may
13 temporarily suspend its rules, or any portion thereof. The
14 board shall establish, in accordance with chapter 91, procedures
15 for the suspension of its rules. When determining whether to
16 suspend its rules, the board shall also establish the length of
17 time for which the suspension shall be in effect.

18 (c) The board, in accordance with chapter 92, may also
19 amend licensing-related fees and set or amend other charges
20 related to the performance of its duties.



1 (d) The board may employ an executive director, exempt
2 from chapters 76 and 78, who shall be appointed by the board of
3 education pursuant to section 302A- (d)."

4 SECTION 4. Section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.** (a)

7 Beginning July 1, 2002, all [~~new~~] licenses shall be issued by
8 the board. No person shall serve as a half-time or full-time
9 teacher in a public school without first having obtained a
10 license from the board under this subpart. All licenses issued
11 by the board shall be valid only for the fields and levels
12 specified on the licenses and shall be renewable every five
13 years if the individual continues to:

- 14 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing standards;
- 15 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous
16 five years; and
- 17 (3) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of
18 licenses.

19 (b) Teachers whose licenses expire on June 30, 2002, or
20 June 30, 2003, shall be granted an automatic extension of two
21 years.



1 (c) The board, at its discretion through June 30, 2010,
2 may grant additional extensions. Any previously-approved
3 extensions shall be deemed valid as issued.

4 (d) No person shall be issued a license or teach on an
5 emergency basis in the public schools without having first paid
6 the fees established by the board in accordance with chapter
7 91."

8 SECTION 5. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is
9 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007[~~+~~
11 ~~provided that on July 1, 2009, section 2 of this Act shall be~~
12 ~~repealed and section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be~~
13 ~~reenacted in the form in which it read on June 30, 2007]."~~

14 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Description:

Adds two members to HTSB. Authorizes HTSB to determine the manner by which fees are collected; adopt, amend, repeal, or suspend its policies and standards; and appoint an executive director. Makes permanent HTSB's authority to temporarily suspend its rules if extenuating circumstances exist. Makes permanent HTSB's authority to amend licensing-related fees and set or amend other charges. Specifies that all licenses issued by HTSB shall be valid for the levels specified on the licenses. Allows HTSB, at its discretion through June 30, 2010, to grant additional license extensions, and clarifies that any previously-approved extensions shall be deemed valid as issued.
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