



GOV. MSG. NO. 1178

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 1, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 1, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1056 HD1 SD2

RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF
PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS
Act 075 (11)

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1056
H.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education currently has requirements for the certification of
3 its principals and vice-principals. The legislature also finds
4 that the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
5 provides educational funds for states that pursue educational
6 reform and additional funds for those states that qualify for
7 Race to the Top funds by advancing educational reform.

8 One of the selection criteria for the Race to the Top funds
9 is providing alternative routes to certification for teachers
10 and principals. Although the legislature previously amended
11 section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish
12 alternative routes to certification, the current requirement
13 that a principal candidate possess not less than five years of
14 appropriate school-level experience, of which at least three
15 years shall have been as a teacher, is too restrictive and
16 conflicts with the Race to the Top grant requirements.



1 The purpose of this Act is to provide principal and vice-
2 principal candidates alternate routes of certification that meet
3 the federal Race to the Top requirements.

4 SECTION 2. Section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

6 "(a) Principals shall meet the department's certification
7 requirements and shall have at least five years of appropriate
8 school-level experience, including at least three years as a
9 teacher[-], or equivalent experience, as determined by the
10 department.

11 (b) Vice-principals shall meet the department's
12 certification requirements and shall have appropriate school-
13 level or equivalent experience, as determined by the
14 department."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 1 day of JUN , 2011



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

