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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. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, as amended  
2 by Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, required the  
3 implementation of a new allocation method, the weighted student  
4 formula, to distribute funds to schools based on the  
5 characteristics of the students. Act 51, as amended, also  
6 created the committee on weights whose responsibility is to  
7 recommend a formula and various weights of characteristics to  
8 the board of education. With six years of experience, it has  
9 become apparent that, to provide stability and predictability  
10 for the principals and the school community councils, an  
11 improved practice would be to have the committee on weights meet  
12 every odd-numbered year rather than each year. Schools that are  
13 developing academic and financial plans to improve student  
14 achievement need to be assured of constant funding over a  
15 two-year period.

16           The purpose of this Act is to require the committee on  
17 weights to meet not less than biennially, every odd-numbered  
18 year, rather than annually.



1 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established within the department of  
4 education the committee on weights to develop a weighted student  
5 formula pursuant to section 302A-1303.6. The committee shall:

6 (1) Create a list of student characteristics that will be  
7 weighted;

8 (2) Create a system of weights based upon the student  
9 characteristics that may be applied to determine the  
10 relative cost of educating any student;

11 (3) Determine specific student weights, including their  
12 unit value;

13 (4) Determine which moneys shall be included in the amount  
14 of funds to be allocated through the weighted student  
15 formula;

16 (5) Recommend a weighted student formula to the board of  
17 education;

18 (6) Perform any other function that may facilitate the  
19 implementation of the weighted student formula; and

20 (7) Meet not less than [~~annually~~] biennially, every  
21 odd-numbered year, to review the weighted student  
22 formula and, if the committee deems it necessary,



1           recommend a new weighted student formula for adoption  
2           by the board of education."

3           SECTION 3. Section 302A-1303.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5           "**§302A-1303.6 Weighted student formula.** Based upon  
6 recommendations from the committee on weights, the board of  
7 education, not less than [~~annually,~~] biennially, every odd-  
8 numbered year, shall adopt a weighted student formula for the  
9 allocation of moneys to public schools that takes into account  
10 the educational needs of each student. The department, upon the  
11 receipt of appropriated moneys, shall use the weighted student  
12 formula to allocate funds to public schools. Principals shall  
13 expend moneys provided to the principals' schools. This section  
14 shall only apply to charter schools for fiscal years in which  
15 the charter schools elect pursuant to section 302B-13 to receive  
16 allocations according to the weighted student formula."

17           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



**Report Title:**

Committee on Weights; Weighted Student Formula

**Description:**

Amends Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the Committee on Weights to meet not less than once every odd-numbered year. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB1054 HD1)

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