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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 recent implementation of the common core  
2 state standards initiative led by the National Governors  
3 Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief  
4 State School Officers, has resulted in a set of common core  
5 state standards in English language arts and mathematics that  
6 have been developed by teachers, school administrators, and  
7 experts to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare  
8 students for college and the workforce. These standards define  
9 the knowledge and skills students should possess within their  
10 K-12 education careers so that they will graduate from high  
11 school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-  
12 bearing academic college courses and in workforce training  
13 programs. Therefore, once the common core state standards are  
14 implemented, the administration of nationally norm-referenced  
15 tests will no longer be necessary.

16           The board of education has adopted the common core state  
17 standards and Hawaii is a governing member of the SMARTER  
18 Balanced Assessment Consortium that will be developing and



1 implementing a summative assessment in grades three through  
2 eight and high school in English language arts and mathematics  
3 that will provide comparable achievement standards across all of  
4 the states that are members of the Consortium.

5 The purpose of this Act is to make the inclusion of norm-  
6 referenced reading and mathematics test in grades three through  
7 eight and one high school grade in the statewide assessment  
8 program discretionary, rather than mandatory, until July 1,  
9 2015, after which time the common core state standards will be  
10 fully implemented.

11 SECTION 2. Section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
14 department shall establish procedures and guidelines for, and  
15 [~~shall~~] may expand, its statewide assessment program to include  
16 norm-referenced testing in the same grades as required by the  
17 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110)  
18 standards-based assessment (grades 3 through 8 and one grade in  
19 high school) in reading and math, using the most appropriate  
20 nationally normed [~~test-~~] test to those schools that request  
21 it."



1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§302A-201 Statewide performance standards. [~~(a)~~] The  
4 board shall establish statewide performance standards and the  
5 means to assess the standards based upon the recommendations in  
6 the final report of the performance standards commission  
7 established pursuant to Act 334, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991;  
8 provided that the board may review and modify the performance  
9 standards, as the board deems necessary, to reflect the needs of  
10 public school students and educational goals adopted by the  
11 board.

12 [~~(b)~~ Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
13 department shall establish procedures and guidelines for, and  
14 shall expand, its statewide assessment program to include norm-  
15 referenced testing in the same grades as required by the federal  
16 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) standards-  
17 based assessment (grades 3 through 8 and one grade in high  
18 school) in reading and math, using the most appropriate  
19 nationally normed test.] "

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2015.  
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**Report Title:**

Statewide Performance Standards; Nationally Norm-Referenced Test

**Description:**

Makes the administration of nationally norm-referenced testing in English and math for certain grades discretionary rather than mandatory. Repeals the administration of nationally norm-referenced testing on July 1, 2015. (SD1)

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