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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 allow for the  
12 establishment of alternative routes to certification, the  
13 current requirement for a principal candidate to possess not  
14 less than five years of appropriate school-level experience, of  
15 which at least three years must have been as a teacher, is too  
16 restrictive and conflicts with the Race to the Top grant  
17 requirements.



1 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to amend current  
2 provisions to allow principal and vice-principal candidates to  
3 be prepared through alternate routes of certification that meet  
4 the federal Race to the Top requirements.

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

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

11 (b) Vice-principals shall meet the department's  
12 certification requirements and shall have appropriate school-  
13 level experience, or an equivalent, 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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.



**Report Title:**

Relating to the Certification of Principals and Vice-Principals

**Description:**

Amends section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to permit the Department of Education to determine alternative routes to certification for principals and vice-principals. (HB1056 HD1)

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