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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. Section 302A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§302A-802 Licensing standards; policies.** (a) The board
4 shall establish licensing standards that govern teacher
5 licensing in Hawaii. Licensing standards established by the
6 board shall be adopted as rules under chapter 91 unless
7 otherwise specified in this subpart.

8 (b) In the development of its standards, the board shall
9 consider the existing teacher applicant pool that is available
10 in the State and the level of the qualification of these
11 applicants, as well as the nature and availability of existing
12 preservice higher education teacher training programs.

13 (c) The board shall adopt policies, exempt from chapters
14 91 and 92, to initiate the following:

15 (1) Develop criteria for the issuance of permits and
16 licenses allowing ~~more~~ qualified individuals with
17 trade or industry experience to teach in vocational,
18 technical, and career pathway programs~~, and criteria~~



1 ~~for the issuance of permits allowing qualified~~
2 ~~individuals to teach when recommended by the~~
3 ~~superintendent. The department shall be responsible~~
4 ~~for the review];~~

5 (2) Review and [~~acceptance of~~] accept the relevant
6 licenses, certificates, or other qualifications
7 related to an individual's vocational, technical, or
8 career pathway education-related experience that the
9 department deems necessary for a permit[~~. The~~
10 ~~department shall have the authority to waive the~~
11 ~~requirement of a bachelor's degree to teach in a~~
12 ~~vocation, technical, or career pathway education~~
13 ~~program,]~~ or license;

14 [~~(2)~~] (3) Develop a plan to accept teachers from any state
15 as long as they have completed state-approved teacher
16 education programs and pass relevant Hawaii teacher
17 examinations or their equivalent;

18 [~~(3)~~] (4) Clarify the requirements, on a state-by-state
19 basis, for out-of-state licensed teachers to obtain a
20 license in Hawaii;

21 [~~(4)~~] (5) Develop a plan to facilitate licensing for those
22 who intend to teach in Hawaii immersion programs, the



1 island of Niihau, or any other extraordinary situation
2 as defined by the superintendent or the
3 superintendent's designee;

4 ~~[(+5)]~~ (6) Pursue full teacher license reciprocity with all
5 other states; and

6 ~~[(+6)]~~ (7) Issue a license to a teacher with a valid out-of-
7 state license who has passed similar, though not
8 identical, tests in basic skills, pedagogy, and
9 subject matter to those required for licensure in the
10 State; provided that upon the effective date of the
11 adoption of administrative rules addressing the
12 recognition of out-of-state teacher licenses, those
13 administrative rules shall supersede the requirements
14 of this paragraph.

15 (d) The department shall waive the requirement of a
16 bachelor's degree to teach in a vocational, technical, or career
17 pathway education program and shall issue a special permit to
18 teach in a vocational, technical, or career pathway education
19 program if the individual:

20 (1) Has earned at least an associate's degree or
21 equivalent in the subject area in which the individual
22 is applying to teach;



1 (2) Has five or more years of industry experience in the
2 vocational, technical, or career field for which the
3 individual is applying to teach;

4 (3) Holds a valid trade or industry license or
5 certification, if a license or certification exists
6 for the trade or industry; and

7 (4) Has passed the State's forty-hour substitute teacher
8 training course.

9 (e) The department shall waive the requirement of a
10 bachelor's degree to teach in a vocational, technical, or career
11 pathway education program and shall issue a teaching license to
12 teach in a vocational, technical, or career pathway education
13 program if the individual has either:

14 (1) (A) At least five years of teaching experience under
15 a special permit issued pursuant to subsection
16 (d) and achieved a satisfactory evaluation for
17 each year of service performed; and

18 (B) Passed the PRAXIS II exam for that trade,
19 industry, or subject; or

20 (2) (A) At least three years of teaching experience under
21 a special permit issued pursuant to subsection



Report Title:

Teacher Licenses; Vocational, Technical, Career Pathway Teachers

Description:

Requires HTSB to develop criteria for the issuance of vocational, technical, and career pathway (VTC) teaching permits and licenses. Requires DOE to waive the bachelor's degree requirement for VTC teachers and issue special permits or licenses under certain conditions. Sets forth certain privileges for teachers who receive VTC teaching licenses.

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