
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) Appointed board members shall serve not more than
4 three consecutive three-year terms. Teacher and educational
5 officer members who retire during a term may serve the remainder
6 of their term up to three consecutive three-year terms."

7 SECTION 2. Section 302A-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) In addition to establishing standards for the
10 issuance and renewal of licenses and any other powers and duties
11 authorized by law, the board's powers shall also include:

- 12 (1) Setting and administering its own budget;
- 13 (2) Adopting, amending, or repealing the rules of the
14 board in accordance with chapter 91;
- 15 (3) Receiving grants or donations from private
16 foundations, and state and federal funds;
- 17 (4) Submitting an annual report to the governor, the
18 legislature, and the board of education on the board's



1 operations and expenditures, and from the 2007-2008
2 school year, submitting a summary report every five
3 years of the board's accomplishment of objectives,
4 efforts to improve or maintain teacher quality, and
5 efforts to keep its operations responsive and
6 efficient;

7 (5) Conducting a cyclical review of standards and
8 suggesting revisions for their improvement;

9 (6) Establishing licensing fees in accordance with chapter
10 91 and determining the manner by which fees are
11 collected and subsequently deposited into the state
12 treasury and credited to the Hawaii teacher standards
13 board special fund;

14 (7) Establishing penalties in accordance with chapter 91;

15 (8) Issuing, renewing, forfeiting, restoring,
16 conditioning, revoking, suspending, and reinstating
17 licenses;

18 (9) Developing criteria for a full career and technical
19 education license, limited to career and technical
20 education teaching assignments, allowing qualified
21 individuals with at least an associate's degree,



- 1 pedagogy coursework, industry experience, and content
2 expertise to teach;
- 3 [~~(9)~~] (10) Reviewing reports from the department on
4 individuals hired on an emergency basis;
- 5 [~~(10)~~] (11) Applying licensing standards on a case-by-case
6 basis and conducting licensing evaluations;
- 7 [~~(11)~~] (12) Preparing and disseminating teacher licensing
8 information to schools and operational personnel;
- 9 [~~(12)~~] (13) Approving teacher preparation programs;
- 10 (14) Establishing policies and procedures for approving
11 alternative pathways to teaching;
- 12 [~~(13)~~] (15) Administering reciprocity agreements with other
13 states relative to licensing;
- 14 [~~(14)~~] (16) Conducting research and development on teacher
15 licensure systems, beginning teacher programs, the
16 assessment of teaching skills, and other related
17 topics;
- 18 [~~(15)~~] (17) Participating in efforts relating to teacher
19 quality issues, professional development related to
20 the board's standards, and promotion of high teacher
21 standards and accomplished teaching;
- 22 [~~(16)~~] (18) Adopting applicable rules and procedures; and



1 [~~(17)~~] (19) Adopting, amending, repealing, or suspending the
2 policies and standards of the board."

3 SECTION 3. Section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.**

6 Beginning July 1, 2002, all new licenses shall be issued by the
7 board. No person shall serve as a half-time or full-time
8 teacher in a public school without first having obtained a
9 license from the board under this subpart. All licenses issued
10 by the board shall be valid only for the fields specified on the
11 licenses and shall be renewable every five years for a standard
12 license and every ten years for an advanced license if the
13 individual continues to:

14 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing standards and submits
15 verification, in a form specified by the board, that
16 the individual has completed activities specified by
17 the board in fulfillment of each of the teacher
18 performance standards established by the board;

19 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous
20 five years through verification by a supervisor, in a
21 form specified by the board;



- 1 (3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established
2 by the board; [~~and~~]
- 3 (4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of
4 licenses[~~-~~]; and
- 5 (5) Pay all applicable license fees in a timely manner.

6 The board shall randomly audit a licensee's compliance with
7 paragraph (1) and may establish rules, pursuant to chapter 91,
8 for the random audits.

9 Teachers whose licenses expire on June 30, 2002, or June
10 30, 2003, shall be granted an automatic extension of two years.

11 No person shall be issued a license or teach on an
12 emergency basis in the public schools without having first paid
13 the fees established by the board in accordance with chapter
14 91."

15 SECTION 4. Section 302A-805.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "[~~+~~]**§302A-805.5**[~~+~~] **Approval of teacher education programs;**
18 **professional development of teachers.** The board shall be
19 responsible for approving teacher education programs that have
20 attained national accreditation from a teacher education
21 accrediting body approved by the United States Department of
22 Education and the board, and meet the standards established by



1 the board. The board may engage in efforts relating to the
2 improvement of instruction through teacher education and
3 professional development, and to attract qualified candidates
4 for teacher training from among the high school graduates of the
5 State."

6 SECTION 5. Section 302A-807, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read as
8 follows:

9 "**§302A-807 Refusal, suspension, revocation, and**
10 **reinstatement of licenses.** (a) The board shall serve as the
11 final adjudicator for appeals relating to licensing, including
12 the issuance or nonissuance of licenses, and the condition,
13 suspension, nonrenewal, and revocation of licenses.

14 (b) The board shall establish procedures for the conduct
15 of proceedings for the consideration of requests filed with the
16 board. In every case to condition, revoke, or suspend a
17 license, the board shall give the person concerned written
18 notice that a request has been filed with the board. The board
19 shall conduct a hearing in conformity with chapter 91, and shall
20 provide for confidentiality of the proceedings to protect the
21 parties. In all proceedings before it, the board may administer
22 oaths, compel the attendance of witnesses and production of



1 documentary evidence, and examine witnesses. In case of
2 disobedience by any person to any order of the board or to any
3 subpoena issued by the board, or the refusal of any witness to
4 testify to any matter that the person may be questioned
5 lawfully, any circuit judge, on application of the board or a
6 member thereof, shall compel obedience in the case of
7 disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued by a
8 circuit court or a refusal to testify.

9 (c) Any applicant who has been refused a license, or any
10 licensee whose license has been conditioned, suspended, or
11 revoked, shall have the right to appeal the board's decision to
12 the circuit court of the circuit in which the applicant or
13 licensee resides in the manner provided in chapter 91; provided
14 that out-of-state resident applicants shall file their appeals
15 in the first circuit court."

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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Career and Technical Education

Description:

Allows teacher and educational officer board members to continue to serve out up to three consecutive three-year terms even if they retire during a term. Adds timely payment of fees to the requirements for license renewal. Extends the term of the renewable advanced licensed from five to ten years. Allows the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to develop a new career and technical education license for those with appropriate industry experience who meet certain criteria. (SB806 HD1)

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