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# 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-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 "(c) The board shall adopt policies, exempt from chapters  
10 91 and 92, to initiate the following:

11 (1) Develop criteria allowing more individuals with trade  
12 or industry experience to teach in vocational,  
13 technical, and career pathway programs, and criteria  
14 for the issuance of permits and career and technical  
15 education licenses allowing qualified individuals to  
16 teach when recommended by the superintendent [-] even  
17 if the individuals do not possess a bachelor's degree.

18 The department shall be responsible for the review and



1 acceptance of the relevant licenses, certificates, or  
2 other qualifications related to an individual's  
3 vocational, technical, or career pathway education-  
4 related experience that the department deems necessary  
5 for a permit. The department shall have the authority  
6 to waive the requirement of a bachelor's degree to  
7 teach in a vocation, technical, or career pathway  
8 education program;

9 (2) Develop a plan to accept teachers from any state as  
10 long as they have completed state-approved teacher  
11 education programs and pass relevant Hawaii teacher  
12 examinations or their equivalent;

13 (3) Clarify the requirements, on a state-by-state basis,  
14 for out-of-state licensed teachers to obtain a license  
15 in Hawaii;

16 (4) Develop a plan to facilitate licensing for those who  
17 intend to teach in Hawaii immersion programs, the  
18 island of Niihau, or any other extraordinary situation  
19 as defined by the superintendent or the  
20 superintendent's designee;

21 (5) Pursue full teacher license reciprocity with all other  
22 states; and



1 (6) Issue a license to a teacher with a valid out-of-state  
2 license who has passed similar, though not identical,  
3 tests in basic skills, pedagogy, and subject matter to  
4 those required for licensure in the State; provided  
5 that upon the effective date of the adoption of  
6 administrative rules addressing the recognition of  
7 out-of-state teacher licenses, those administrative  
8 rules shall supersede the requirements of this  
9 paragraph."

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

12 **"§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.**

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

21 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing standards and submits  
22 verification, in a form specified by the board, that



- 1 the individual has completed activities specified by  
2 the board in fulfillment of each of the teacher  
3 performance standards established by the board;
- 4 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous  
5 five years through verification by a supervisor, in a  
6 form specified by the board;
- 7 (3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established  
8 by the board; [and]
- 9 (4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of  
10 licenses[-]; and
- 11 (5) Attend training prior to applying for license renewal  
12 on new student standards and new teacher performance  
13 standards if those standards are adopted more than  
14 three years prior to a teacher's license renewal date.

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

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

21 No person shall be issued a license or teach on an  
22 emergency basis in the public schools without having first paid



1 the fees established by the board in accordance with chapter  
2 91."

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Teacher Standards; Training

**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 training on revised student and teacher performance standards to the requirements for license renewal. Extends the term of the renewable advanced licensed from five to ten years. Creates a new career and technical education license available to those with appropriate industry experience with no bachelor's degree. (SD1)

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