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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 state  
5 standards in English language arts and mathematics that have  
6 been developed by teachers, school administrators, and experts  
7 to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare students  
8 for college and the workforce. These standards define the  
9 knowledge and skills students should possess within their K-12  
10 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to  
11 succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses  
12 and in workforce training programs. Therefore, the  
13 administration of nationally norm-referenced tests is no longer  
14 necessary.

15           The purpose of this Act is to repeal the inclusion of norm-  
16 referenced reading and mathematics tests in grades three through  
17 eight and one high school grade in the statewide assessment  
18 program. The board of education has adopted the common core



1 state standards and Hawaii is a governing member of the SMARTER  
2 Balanced Assessment Consortium that will be developing and  
3 implementing a summative assessment in grades three through  
4 eight and high school in English language arts and mathematics  
5 that will provide comparable achievement standards across all of  
6 the states that are members of the Consortium.

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

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

18 [~~b~~] ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the~~  
19 ~~department shall establish procedures and guidelines for, and~~  
20 ~~shall expand, its statewide assessment program to include norm-~~  
21 ~~referenced testing in the same grades as required by the federal~~  
22 ~~No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107 110) standards-~~



1 ~~based assessment (grades 3 through 8 and one grade in high~~  
2 ~~school) in reading and math, using the most appropriate~~  
3 ~~nationally normed test.]"~~

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Statewide Performance Standards; Norm-referenced Testing

**Description:**

Repeals the administration of norm-referenced testing. (HB1055 HD1)

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