
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STANDARDIZED TESTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Standardized testing limitations; exemptions;
5 opt-out. (a) No public school student shall be required to
6 attend more than three testing days in a school year.

7 (b) The department shall not use standardized test results
8 for the purpose of assessing the performance of any public
9 school.

10 (c) Standardized testing shall not be used to rate a
11 school as "recognition", "continuous improvement", "focus",
12 "priority", or "superintendent's zone", or any other similar
13 designation as determined by the department.

14 (d) Standardized testing shall not be used to evaluate
15 teachers or educational officers, including in any evaluation
16 performed under section 302A-638.



1 (e) At a teacher's request, the department may exempt a
2 special education student or student with limited English
3 proficiency from participating in statewide standardized
4 testing.

5 (f) Not more than ten days after the beginning of each
6 school year, the department shall notify students and their
7 parents or guardians that a student has the right to opt out of
8 participating in statewide standardized testing and that the
9 parents or guardians of students have the right to opt their
10 students out of participating in statewide standardized testing.

11 (g) For the purposes of this section, "testing day" means
12 any day in which a student spends three or more hours taking or
13 preparing for standardized tests."

14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Standardized Testing; Limitations; Exemptions

Description:

Limits public school student participation in standardized tests, prohibits the use of standardized tests scores for evaluation purposes, authorizes standardized testing exemptions, and requires the board of education to provide notice of the right to opt out of standardized testing.

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