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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. 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- Class size; public schools. (a) Beginning with  
5 the 2020-2021 school year, excluding charter schools, no public  
6 elementary school class shall exceed an enrollment of twenty  
7 students.

8           (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, excluding  
9 charter schools, no public secondary school class shall exceed  
10 an enrollment of twenty-six students.

11           (c) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
12 in a fully self-contained class at an elementary school shall  
13 not exceed four students.

14           (d) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
15 in an inclusion class at an elementary school shall not exceed  
16 fifteen students.



1        (e) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
2 in a fully self-contained class at a secondary school shall not  
3 exceed six students.

4        (f) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
5 in an inclusion class at a secondary school shall not exceed  
6 twenty students.

7        (g) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
8 in a content-based English language learning class at an  
9 elementary school shall not exceed fifteen students.

10       (h) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment  
11 in a content-based English language learning class at a  
12 secondary school shall not exceed twenty students.

13       (i) The total number of students in all classes for which  
14 one teacher is responsible in any school year shall not exceed  
15 one hundred fifty students.

16       (j) This section shall not apply to any class that  
17 provides instruction in band, orchestra, choir, or theatre.

18       (k) A school principal may waive the class size  
19 restrictions established pursuant to this section to:

20       (1) Allow students to enroll in high-demand classes;



1           (2) Provide course offerings to an incoming transfer  
2           student; or

3           (3) Allow a high school senior to complete a course  
4           required for graduation.

5           (1) The board shall amend any board policies related to  
6           class size to conform with the class sizes established in this  
7           section.

8           (m) For the purposes of this section:

9           "Content-based English language learning class" means any  
10          class providing instruction only to students with limited  
11          English language proficiency.

12          "Fully self-contained class" means any class that provides  
13          instruction only to special education students.

14          "Inclusion class" means any class that provides instruction  
15          to general education and special education students."

16          SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2732

**Report Title:**

Class Size; Enrollment; Maximum; Department of Education

**Description:**

Establishes maximum student enrollment per school class for various types of public school classrooms beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

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