
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

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 subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
3 "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards
4 board, which shall be placed within the department for
5 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of
6 ~~[fifteen]~~ seventeen members, including not less than six
7 licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching at the time of
8 the appointment, three educational officers employed at the time
9 of the appointment, the chairperson of the board of education or
10 the chairperson's designee, the superintendent or the
11 superintendent's designee, a representative of independent
12 schools, the dean of the University of Hawaii college of
13 education or the dean's designee~~[+]~~ and the chairperson of the
14 Native Hawaiian Education Council or the chairperson's designee;
15 provided that one teacher member shall be engaged in teaching at
16 a Hawaii public charter school at the time of appointment and
17 the dean's designee shall be chosen from the member institutions



1 of the teacher education coordinating committee established
2 under section 304A-1202, and two members of the public. A non-
3 voting teacher candidate from a Hawaii educator preparation
4 program at a public institution of higher education on a
5 rotating basis shall be appointed by the chairperson of the
6 teacher education coordinating committee to serve a one-year
7 term.

8 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
9 superintendent, ~~[and]~~ dean of the college of education, the
10 chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council, and the
11 teacher candidate member, the governor shall appoint the members
12 of the board pursuant to section 26-34, from a list of qualified
13 nominees submitted to the governor by the departments, agencies,
14 education stakeholder groups, and organizations representative
15 of the constituencies of the board; provided that the governor
16 may request additional names of qualified nominees from the
17 departments, agencies, education stakeholder groups, and
18 organizations representative of the constituencies of the board
19 at any time. To the extent possible, the board membership shall
20 reflect a combination of abilities, breadth of experiences, and
21 characteristics that will best serve the diverse interests and



1 needs of elementary and secondary school personnel and the
2 education system in Hawaii from early childhood through higher
3 education. Such considerations shall include but not be limited
4 to reflecting the diversity of the student population,
5 geographical representation, and a broad representation of
6 education-related stakeholders."

7 SECTION 2. Section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.

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

18 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing and permit standards and
19 submits verification, in a form specified by the
20 board, that the individual has completed activities
21 specified by the board in fulfillment of each of the



1 teacher performance standards established by the
2 board;

3 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous
4 five years through verification by a supervisor, in a
5 form specified by the board;

6 (3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established
7 by the board;

8 (4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of
9 licenses[+] and permits; and

10 (5) Pay all applicable license and permit fees in a timely
11 manner.

12 The board shall randomly audit a licensee's or permit holder's
13 compliance with paragraph (1) and may establish rules, pursuant
14 to chapter 91, for the random audits.

15 No person shall be issued a license or permit, or teach on
16 an emergency basis in the public schools without having first
17 paid the fees established by the board in accordance with
18 chapter 91.

19 The failure to timely renew a license[+] or permit, pay all
20 fees in a timely manner, or comply with any other requirement
21 provided by law or administrative rule shall result in the



1 automatic forfeiture of the license or permit. A person with a
2 forfeited license or permit shall not teach at a public school
3 until that person's license or permit is restored. Restoration
4 of a license or permit shall require compliance with the renewal
5 requirements provided by law or administrative rule and payment
6 of all applicable renewal and late fees. Upon restoration of a
7 person's license[~~7~~] or permit, the person may teach at a public
8 school."

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Board Membership; Permits

Description:

Increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include the Chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting teacher candidate from a Hawaii educator preparation program at a public university. Clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools. (SB2779 HD1)

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