
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the
2 National Conference of State Legislatures' No Time to Lose
3 report, the United States' public schools are falling
4 dangerously behind the rest of the world when looking at a
5 number of international comparisons, such as the Program of
6 International Student Assessment. This renowned study and
7 others like it find that if the United States, as a nation,
8 continues on this path, the United States will struggle to
9 compete in the global economy, both individually as citizens and
10 collectively as a nation. Although Hawaii's National Assessment
11 of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores have risen continuously,
12 the department of education still has much to do to be
13 considered amongst the highest performing public-school systems
14 in the United States. NAEP does not test all relevant skills
15 needed to succeed; however, it is one of the best direct
16 comparisons amongst states to compare the effectiveness of



1 public school systems in preparing their students to be
2 internationally competitive.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish a no time to lose
4 commission to examine how the State's public schools can be
5 internationally competitive, and appropriate funds to establish
6 the commission.

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

10 "§302A- No time to lose commission; established. There
11 is established a no time to lose commission to examine how the
12 State's public schools can be internationally competitive by
13 examining common elements found in high performing education
14 systems. The commission shall examine how the State can
15 accomplish various educational goals that include, but are not
16 limited to the following:

17 (1) Ensuring that every three- and four-year-old has
18 access to quality early-learning education;

19 (2) Ensuring that the State's educational curricula are
20 internationally benchmarked;



1 (3) Guaranteeing that each high school has a career and
2 technical education curriculum that includes computer
3 science studies; and

4 (4) Continuing to allocate funds based on a student's
5 needs.

6 (b) Based upon effective operation practices of high
7 performing public school systems, the commission shall consider
8 the following:

9 (1) Individual teacher preparation time within their
10 regular scheduled hours to allow teachers to
11 adequately prepare for instruction the following day;

12 (2) Collaborative teacher preparation time within their
13 regular scheduled hours to allow opportunities for
14 similar-grade teachers to facilitate conversation
15 regarding effective pedagogy and the creation of high
16 quality lesson plans;

17 (3) Time for teachers within their regular scheduled hours
18 to work with students who have not mastered any
19 lessons;



- 1 (4) Higher compensation given to all teachers to produce
2 competitive pay that drastically affects high quality
3 teacher recruitment and retention;
- 4 (5) Principals and vice principals conducting non-punitive
5 classroom observations; provided that the intent of
6 the observations is to offer tools to increase
7 professional growth and further develop effective
8 teaching.
- 9 (c) The commission shall be exempt from section 26-34 and
10 shall include but not be limited to the following members:
- 11 (1) A member of the house of representatives, to be
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives;
- 14 (2) A member of the senate, to be selected by the
15 president of the senate;
- 16 (3) The superintendent, or the superintendent's designee;
- 17 (4) A representative of the Hawaii Executive Conference,
18 to be selected by its executive director;
- 19 (5) The chairperson of the early learning board, or the
20 chairperson's designee;



- 1 (6) The chairperson of the state public charter school
2 commission, or the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (7) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa college
4 of education, or the dean's designee;
- 5 (8) The president of the Hawaii State Parent Teacher
6 Student Association, or the president's designee;
- 7 (9) A representative of the Hawaii Community Foundation,
8 to be selected by its chief executive officer and
9 president;
- 10 (10) A representative of the Hawaii Institute for Public
11 Affairs, to be selected by its president and chief
12 executive officer;
- 13 (11) A representative from bargaining unit (5), the Hawaii
14 State Teachers Association;
- 15 (12) A representative from the Hawaii Government Employees
16 Association, who shall be invited to be a member of
17 the commission by the president of the senate; and
- 18 (13) Other members as the commission deems necessary.
- 19 The governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house
20 of representatives shall appoint a chairperson of the
21 commission.



1 (d) The commission shall be exempt from part I of chapter
2 92; provided that the department shall make available to the
3 public the minutes of all meetings of the commission on the
4 department's website.

5 (e) No member of the commission shall be made subject to
6 the financial disclosure requirements of sections 84-13 and 84-
7 17 solely because of that member's participation as a member of
8 the commission.

9 (f) The department shall be responsible for the
10 administrative responsibilities of the commission, including but
11 not limited to the posting of public notices, preparing agendas
12 and minutes, organizing meetings, and reporting on the outcome
13 and recommendations of the commission.

14 (g) The commission shall submit a report of its findings
15 to the legislature, the chairperson of the board, and all
16 complex area superintendents no later than twenty days prior to
17 the convening of the regular session of 2021; provided that
18 beginning with the regular session of 2022, and each regular
19 session thereafter, the commission shall report any additional
20 findings and progress toward the state public school system
21 becoming internationally competitive.



1 (h) Upon the request of the board, the commission shall
2 create a master plan of its findings and how to implement the
3 master plan or parts of it, which shall be recommended to the
4 board."

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
8 the no time to lose commission established pursuant to this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

No Time To Lose Commission; Established; Best Practices;
Department of Education; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a no time to lose commission to examine how the
State's public schools can be internationally competitive.
Appropriates funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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