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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the board of  
2 education presently consists of nine voting members, none of  
3 whom is required to be a public school teacher. The legislature  
4 believes that the board would benefit from the perspective of a  
5 current public school teacher representative, to provide  
6 firsthand experience and expertise on the educational climate in  
7 Hawaii's public schools and to explain the resources that  
8 teachers need to help Hawaii's students. An appointed public  
9 school teacher as a representative to the board will provide  
10 insight into current and proposed educational practices and  
11 policies and the effects of those practices and policies on  
12 teachers, students, and the community without impacting the  
13 existing constitutional appointment process and composition of  
14 voting members of the Board.

15           The purpose of this Act is to add a representative to the  
16 board of education by inviting the exclusive representative for



1 bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher  
2 representative to the board.

3 SECTION 2. Section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 " [+] §302A-121 [+] Board of education; members; student  
6 ~~and~~, military, and teacher representatives. (a) The board  
7 shall consist of nine voting members as follows:

8 (1) One member from the county of Hawaii;

9 (2) One member from the county of Maui;

10 (3) One member from the county of Kauai;

11 (4) Three members from the city and county of Honolulu;

12 and

13 (5) Three at-large members; provided that the governor

14 shall select an at-large member as the chairperson.

15 The members shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice  
16 and consent of the senate. The governor may remove or suspend  
17 for cause any member of the board.

18 (b) Pursuant to article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii  
19 State Constitution, the period of transition from the elected to  
20 the appointed board shall be as determined in section 21 of Act  
21 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.



1 (c) The members of the board shall serve without pay but  
2 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses,  
3 including travel and board and lodging expenses, while attending  
4 meetings of the board or when actually engaged in business  
5 relating to the work of the board.

6 (d) Pursuant to section 302A-447, the state student  
7 council shall select a nonvoting public high school student  
8 representative to the board.

9 (e) Pursuant to section 302A-1101(c), the board shall  
10 invite the senior military commander in Hawaii to appoint a  
11 nonvoting military representative to the board.

12 (f) The board shall invite the exclusive representative  
13 for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school  
14 teacher representative to the board."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Board of Education; Public School Teacher Representative

**Description:**

Requires the board of education to invite the exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) (teachers and other personnel of the department of education) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher representative to the board. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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