## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Hawaii has a unique, statewide public education
- 2 system. The state educational agency and local education agency
- 3 are one and the same, and its leadership requires a unique
- 4 perspective and experience. Hawaii is also the only state that
- 5 provides all public school funding without any additional
- 6 support from the counties.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to require that the board of
- 8 education prioritize, for the superintendent of education
- 9 position, candidates that have the minimum qualification of ten
- 10 years of employment in a department of education with at least
- 11 five of those years serving in the position of principal or
- 12 higher and a desired qualification for a candidate is having a
- 13 working understanding of Hawaii tri-level systems of educational
- 14 administration.
- 15 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 16 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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The board shall appoint, and may remove, the 1 2 superintendent by a majority vote of its members. 3 superintendent: 4 May be appointed without regard to the state residency (1) provisions of section 78-1(b); 5 6 (2) May be appointed for a term of up to four years; and 7 May be terminated only for cause [-]; (3) 8 provided that for the position of superintendent, 9 notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board shall 10 prioritize candidates that have the minimum qualification of ten 11 years of employment in a department of education with at least 12 five of those years serving in the position of principal or higher; provided further that a desired qualification for a 13 14 candidate for the position of superintendent is having a working understanding of Hawaii tri-level systems of educational 15 16 administration. For purposes of this section, "tri-level 17 systems of educational administration" refers to the systems of 18 administration at the State, complex area, and school levels." 19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Board of Education; Superintendent

### Description:

Requires that the board of education prioritize for the superintendent of education position candidates that have the minimum qualification of ten years of employment in a department of education with at least five of those years serving in the capacity as a principal or higher and a desired qualification for a candidate is having a working understanding of the State's tri-level system of educational administration. (SD2)

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