
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 working group to assess and make recommendations on the most
3 appropriate regulatory framework and licensure requirements for
4 school psychologists in the State.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a working group
6 within the Department of Education for administrative purposes
7 only. The working group shall research and explore the idea of
8 establishing a regulatory framework and licensure requirements
9 for school psychologists in the State.

10 (b) The working group shall address and make
11 recommendations on:

12 (1) The appropriate regulatory framework for school
13 psychologists in the State, including the most
14 appropriate board or agency to administer, implement,
15 and enforce the regulation;

16 (2) The appropriate licensing criteria for school
17 psychologists in the State, including but not limited



1 to the work or type of work the individuals will need
2 to complete to be licensed;

3 (3) Concerns raised by the office of the auditor in Report
4 No. 22-13, issued in November 2022, including but not
5 limited to the appropriate definition of the practice
6 of school psychology that should be subject to the
7 regulation; and

8 (4) Any other issues that may arise, pursuant to the
9 discretion of the working group.

10 (c) The working group shall consist of the following
11 members:

12 (1) The superintendent of education, or the
13 superintendent's assignee, who shall serve as
14 chairperson of the working group;

15 (2) The administrator of the professional and vocational
16 licensing division of the department of commerce and
17 consumer affairs, or the administrator's assignee;

18 (3) One member of the board of psychology; and

19 (4) One member of the Hawaii Association of School
20 Psychologists, to be invited by the chairperson of the
21 working group.



1 (d) The working group shall report its findings and
2 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 the regular session of 2025.

5 (e) The members of the working group shall serve without
6 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
7 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

8 (f) No member of the working group shall be subject to
9 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
10 member's participation in the working group.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
12 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Education; School Psychologists; Regulatory Framework; Licensure Requirements; Working Group; Report

Description:

Establishes a working group to research and explore the idea of establishing a regulatory framework and licensure requirements for school psychologists. Requires a report to the Legislature. Takes effect on 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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