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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO 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 is the policy-making body for the public school system  
3 and plays a vital and critical role in shaping the education of  
4 the children of Hawaii. The board of education faces many  
5 complex and difficult challenges and issues that require  
6 knowledgeable, educated, and experienced policy makers. Thus,  
7 in order to provide a quality public educational system that is  
8 second to none, the State must be willing to adequately  
9 compensate board members to ensure the quality, professionalism,  
10 and integrity of the board.

11           The purpose of this Act is to provide salaries for board of  
12 education members.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
14 by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to  
15 read as follows:

16           "§13-A Salaries. Members of the board shall receive:

17           (1) An annual salary paid:

18           (A) From the revenues of the general fund; and



1           (B) In equal amounts, beginning with the first pay  
 2           period for state employees in November of the  
 3           year the member of the board is elected; unless  
 4           otherwise provided in this section.

5           Effective July 1, 2007, the salary of the chairperson  
 6           of the board shall be \$37,000 a year, and the salary  
 7           of the other members of the board shall be \$32,000 a  
 8           year. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, all  
 9           members of the board shall be included in any benefit  
 10          program generally applicable to officers and employees  
 11          of the State;

12          (2) Transportation fare between islands to attend board  
 13          meetings if a member resides on an island other than  
 14          the island where the meeting is held; and

15          (3) A protocol allowance to cover expenses incurred in the  
 16          course of a member's duties and responsibilities.

17          **§13-B Salary commission; established.** (a) There is  
 18          established a salary commission for the members of the board of  
 19          education. The salary commission shall consist of seven members  
 20          appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 26-34, on or  
 21          before August 31, 2007, and every four years thereafter. The  
 22          members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled



1 to reimbursement for necessary expenses while in the discharge  
2 of their duties and responsibilities.

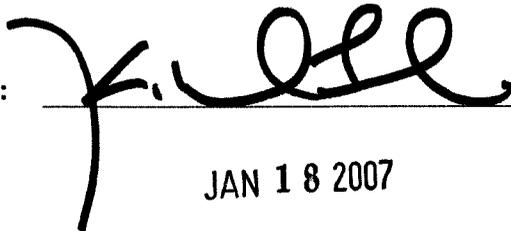
3 (b) Before the twentieth legislative day of the regular  
4 session of 2008 and every four years thereafter, the salary  
5 commission shall study and make recommendations for the salary  
6 of the members of the board and submit the study to the  
7 legislature, and then shall be dissolved. The recommended  
8 salaries, if any, shall be effective as of the date of the  
9 recommendations, unless the legislature disapproves the  
10 recommendations by adoption of a concurrent resolution prior to  
11 adjournment sine die of the legislative session in which the  
12 recommendations are submitted."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Board of Education; Salaries

**Description:**

Provides salaries for the board of education.

