## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

| 1  | SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is             |
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| 2  | amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated   |
| 3  | and to read as follows:  |
| 4  | "§302A- Educational assistants; teaching credentials.            |
| 5, | The department may provide stipends to educational assistants to |
| 6  | pursue a teaching credential; provided that:                     |
| 7  | (1) The department shall determine the requirements for          |
| 8  | educational assistants pursuing teaching credentials             |
| 9  | pursuant to this section; but                                    |
| 10 | (2) Recommendations from school principals on behalf of          |
| 11 | educational assistant applicants shall not be a                  |
| 12 | required prerequisite."  |
| 13 | SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.                |
| 14 | SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.         |
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## Report Title:

Department of Education; Educational Assistants

## Description:

Allows the department of education to provide stipends to educational assistants to pursue teaching credentials; provided principals are not required to submit recommendations on behalf of educational assistant applicants.