
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's public
2 schools would be well served if there were an abundance of
3 highly qualified teachers from which principals could select for
4 their schools.

5 SECTION 2. Section 302A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 "(c) The board shall adopt policies, exempt from chapters
8 91 and 92, to initiate the following:

9 (1) Develop criteria allowing more individuals with trade
10 or industry experience to teach in vocational,
11 technical, and career pathway programs, and criteria
12 for the issuance of permits allowing qualified
13 individuals to teach when recommended by the
14 superintendent. The department shall be responsible
15 for the review and acceptance of the relevant
16 licenses, certificates, or other qualifications
17 related to an individual's vocational, technical, or
18 career pathway education-related experience that the



1 department deems necessary for a permit. The
2 department shall have the authority to waive the
3 requirement of a bachelor's degree to teach in a
4 vocation, technical, or career pathway education
5 program;

6 (2) Develop a plan to accept teachers from any state as
7 long as they have completed state-approved teacher
8 education programs and pass relevant Hawaii teacher
9 examinations or their equivalent;

10 (3) Clarify the requirements, on a state-by-state basis,
11 for out-of-state licensed teachers to obtain a license
12 in Hawaii;

13 (4) Develop a plan to facilitate licensing for those who
14 intend to teach in Hawaii immersion programs, the
15 island of Niihau, or any other extraordinary situation
16 as defined by the superintendent or the
17 superintendent's designee; and

18 (5) ~~[Pursue full teacher license reciprocity with the]~~
19 Issue Hawaii licenses to teachers with licenses issued
20 by the mid-Atlantic states, California, Colorado,
21 Illinois, Michigan, New York, Oregon, and
22 Washington[-], and with any other state whose



1 licensing standards are equivalent to or higher than
2 Hawaii's."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the board of education to issue Hawaii teaching licenses to teachers with licenses from other states whose licensing standards are equivalent to or higher than Hawaii's.

