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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 302A-1124, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3           "(e) Unless otherwise specified, each school community  
4 council shall establish policies governing the council's  
5 composition, election, staggered terms of office for members,  
6 operation, and vacancies; provided that:

7           (1) The number of school personnel [+]on[+] any school  
8 community council shall be equal to the number of  
9 primary stakeholders on the school community council;

10          (2) At the elementary and middle school levels, each  
11 school community council shall be composed of the  
12 principal and at least one member representing each of  
13 the following groups:

14          (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and  
15 collected from the parents of the school's  
16 students;

17          (B) Teachers elected by ballots [~~distributed among~~  
18 ~~and collected from teachers of the school;~~]



1                   through a process determined by the exclusive  
2                   representative;

3           (C) Noncertificated school personnel elected by  
4           ballots distributed among and collected from  
5           noncertificated personnel of the school;

6           (D) Community representatives elected by ballots  
7           distributed among and collected from parents of  
8           the school's students; and

9           (E) Student representatives selected by the student  
10          council of the school; ~~[and]~~ provided that for  
11          any school for which no student council exists,  
12          the principal, in collaboration with the school  
13          community council, shall develop a process for  
14          the selection of a student representative; and

15       (3) At the high school level, each school community  
16       council shall be composed of the principal and at  
17       least one member representing each of the following  
18       groups:

19       (A) Parents elected by ballots distributed among and  
20       collected from parents of the school's students;

21       (B) Teachers elected by ballots ~~[distributed among~~  
22       ~~and collected from teachers of the school,]~~



1                   through a process determined by the exclusive  
2                   representative;

3           (C)   Noncertificated school personnel elected by  
4                   ballots distributed among and collected from  
5                   noncertificated personnel of the school;

6           (D)   Community representatives elected by ballots  
7                   distributed among and collected from the parents  
8                   of the school's students; and

9           (E)   Student representatives selected by the student  
10                  council of the school.

11           For the purposes of this subsection, "primary stakeholders"  
12           means students, parents, and community members."

13           SECTION 2. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, is amended  
14           by amending section 34 to read as follows:

15           "SECTION 34. Ultimately all education reform must be  
16           driven by the needs of students. Students are the primary  
17           clients served by the public education system and they must be  
18           served well by providing them with access to the tools they need  
19           to succeed, a nurturing environment conducive to learning, and  
20           supplementary opportunities for growth that facilitate their  
21           development.



1           The legislature finds that much of an individual's  
2 cognitive, emotional, and social development takes place in  
3 their earliest years of life. To a significant extent,  
4 opportunities during this age set the parameters for an  
5 individual's development throughout the rest of the individual's  
6 life. The legislature further finds that grade three is a  
7 pivotal year in preparation for the No Child Left Behind Act's  
8 assessment plans. For this reason, children in the preceding  
9 grades should be provided with the instructional support needed  
10 to ensure superior performance in assessment instruments  
11 mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

12           For these reasons, the [~~Legislature~~] legislature finds that  
13 a class size of not more than twenty-five students per teacher  
14 [~~to be advisable~~] is necessary in kindergarten, grade one, and  
15 grade two classrooms.

16           The purpose of this part is to appropriate funding to:

17           (1) Provide mathematics textbooks and other mathematics  
18           learning materials;

19           (2) Reduce class size in kindergarten, grade one, and  
20           grade two;

21           (3) Provide for full-time, year-round, high school student  
22           activity coordinators; and



1 (4) Programs that support parents in working with students  
2 who need additional help to succeed in school provided  
3 the programs have measurable outcomes."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
7 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2008-2009, to reduce the kindergarten class size to an  
9 -to- student to teacher ratio and to reduce the junior  
10 kindergarten class size to a -to- student to teacher  
11 ratio.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of education for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
17 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2008-2009, for establishing new teacher advisors/peer  
19 assistance mentors with the target of achieving a ratio of  
20 new teachers to one new teacher advisor/peer  
21 assistance mentor within each school complex area.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

DOE; School Community Councils; Class Sizes; Teacher Mentors;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Clarifies selection of teacher and certain student  
representatives on school community councils. Appropriates  
moneys to the department of education for reduction in  
kindergarten and junior kindergarten class size and to establish  
new teacher advisors/peer assistance mentors at a certain ratio.  
(SD2)

