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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that retaining highly qualified teachers in the public schools is critical to 2 3 achieving the State's educational goals. To this end, the 4 legislature supports initiatives and programs that combat the 5 high teacher attrition rates within the department of education 6 and endeavor to develop and retain quality teachers. 7 The purpose of this Act is to provide incentives for the 8 recruitment and retention of public school teachers. 9 PART I 10 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the cost and 11 availability of housing can greatly impact the recruitment and 12 retention of teachers, especially in geographically isolated 13 communities and in schools plaqued with hard-to-fill vacancies. 14 In addition, the high cost of housing in Hawaii creates added economic stress on younger teachers who are among those most 15 16 likely to leave the profession.



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1 The legislature further finds that the current condition of 2 state-owned teacher housing mandates that units undergo 3 extensive repair and renovation, which will require a consistent 4 maintenance program and dedicated oversight and support 5 personnel when the program is transferred from the Hawaii 6 housing finance and development corporation to the department of 7 education. 8 The purpose of this part is to address shortages in teacher 9 housing by: 10 Establishing a teacher housing allowance program to (1) 11 provide housing assistance to teachers employed in 12 public schools in geographically isolated communities and public schools plaqued with hard-to-fill 13 14 vacancies; and 15 (2) Appropriating funds for the repair and maintenance of 16 existing teacher housing. SECTION 3. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 18 19 and to read as follows: 20 "§302A- Teacher housing allowance program. (a) The 21 department shall establish a teacher housing allowance program



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1	to provide housing allowances to teachers employed to teach at
2	public schools in the State.
3	(b) The amount of the housing allowance shall be equal to
4	the teacher's full-time equivalence multiplied by the difference
5	between the statewide median cost of housing minus the lesser of
6	either the cost of housing in the school district where the
7	teacher is employed or the cost of housing in the school
8	district in which the teacher resides. For purposes of this
9	subsection, the difference between the school district's cost of
10	housing and the statewide median cost of housing shall not
11	exceed fifty per cent of the median.
12	(c) The cost of the housing for each school district and
13	the statewide median cost of housing shall be determined every
14	four years based on a standard set of housing specifications and
15	on data reported for the most recent annual period for which
16	data are available. A nationally recognized entity that
17	collects statistically valid housing cost data for federal
18	government agencies and businesses shall be selected by the
19	superintendent, subject to approval by the board, to collect the
20	data. The department shall contract with the entity selected
21	under this subsection for this purpose.



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1	(d) The department shall administer the teacher housing
2	allowance program and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
3	necessary for the program's implementation.
4	(e) For the purposes of this section, the "statewide
5	median cost of housing" means the cost at which there is an
6	equal number of districts with higher housing costs and with
7	lower housing costs."
8	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
11	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12	year 2010-2011 for the teacher housing allowance program
13	established under this part.
14	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15	of education for the purposes of this part.
16	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
17	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
19	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20	year 2010-2011 for management of the teacher housing program and
21	for renovation, repair, and maintenance costs necessary to bring
22	existing units to acceptable levels of habitation.

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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 2 of education for the purposes of this part. 3 SECTION 6. The department of education shall report to the 4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 5 the regular sessions of 2010 and 2011 on the status of the 6 current teacher housing programs and on the costs, feasibility, 7 and benefits of new initiatives to address shortages in teacher 8 housing, including second mortgage loan programs or other home 9 loan quarantee programs. 10 PART II 11 SECTION 7. The legislature finds that peer review programs 12 offer an opportunity for new teachers to benefit from both the 13 pedagogical skills and "in the classroom" observations of their 14 more experience colleagues. 15 The purpose of this part is to establish a teacher peer 16 review program for new teachers. 17 SECTION 8. Chapter 302A, part III, Hawaii Revised 18 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately 19 designated and to read as follows: 20 Teachers; peer review program. (a) All new "§302A-21 teachers shall participate in a peer review program for the 22 first five years of employment with the department; provided 2009-0750 SB SMA.doc

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1	that the five-year period may be shortened or extended at the
2	recommendation of the peer reviewer and with the concurrence of
3	the teacher.
4	(b) The Hawaii state teachers association shall develop
5	and administer standards for the peer reviewers to follow and
6	shall select the peer reviewers from retired department teachers
7	who held a valid teaching certificate or license at the date of
8	their retirement.
9	(c) New teachers who receive satisfactory peer reviews
10	under the standards established pursuant to subsection (b) may
11	receive step increases during their participation in the peer
12	review program, subject to negotiations pursuant to section
13	<u>89-9.</u> "
14	SECTION 9. 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 2009-2010 and
17	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18	year 2010-2011 for the peer review program established pursuant
19	to section 302A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.
20	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
21	of education for the purposes of this part.
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1 SECTION 10. The legislature finds that attracting 2 experienced out-of-state teachers is one means of addressing the teacher shortage in Hawaii. Under current department of 3 4 education bargaining unit contract and school code provisions, a 5 maximum of six years of prior teaching experience is allowable 6 for salary replacement credit for full-time teaching experience 7 in a recognized public or private school in the United States. 8 The purpose of this part is to provide an incentive for 9 experienced teachers to relocate to Hawaii by extending the 10 six-year cap to a maximum of ten years. 11 The department of education shall review SECTION 11. (a) 12 the procedures necessary and establish a timetable to amend the 13 provisions of bargaining unit 06 contract, article XVII(F), and 14 department of education school code 5200(A) compensation, to 15 increase from six years to ten years the number of years of 16 prior teaching experience allowable for salary placement credit 17 for full-time experience in a recognized public or private 18 school (K-12) in the United States (including territories, 19 possessions or Department of Defense Schools overseas); provided 20 that the ten-year cap shall apply to teachers:

21 (1) Entering the service of the department in hard-to-fill
22 vacancies in geographically isolated schools; and



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1 (2) Holding national board certification.

(b) The department shall report to the legislature no
later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
session of 2010 on the procedures required and the timetable to
implement the amendments in subsection (a).

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PART IV

7 SECTION 12. The legislature further finds that teacher 8 induction programs can cut teacher attrition in half and improve 9 teacher effectiveness. Research indicates that among beginning 10 teachers nationally, forty-one per cent who do not receive 11 induction support change schools or leave the profession 12 altogether after their first year, compared to only eighteen per 13 cent of teachers who participate in effective induction 14 programs. Additionally, for every one dollar invested in a 15 comprehensive teacher induction program, a return of \$1.66 is 16 realized after five years.

17 The purpose of this part is to establish and fund a Hawaii 18 beginning teacher induction center pilot program to assist in 19 the development and retention of highly-qualified teachers in 20 the State.

21 SECTION 13. (a) There is established a Hawaii beginning 22 teacher induction center pilot program within the department of 2009-0750 SB SMA.doc

1 education to improve the retention of new teachers through 2 rigorous, in-depth assistance and support from highly-trained 3 mentors. Beginning teacher induction centers shall be 4 established in each school complex, beginning with those 5 complexes that currently have established professional 6 development schools. The department of education shall provide 7 staff as needed for the implementation of the project. 8 (b) The goal of the Hawaii beginning teacher induction 9 center pilot program shall be to: 10 (1)Provide an effective transition into the teaching 11 career for first-year and second-year teachers; 12 (2)Ensure that mentors provide intensive individualized 13 support and assistance to each of the participating 14 beginning teachers; 15 (3) Provide continuous program improvement through ongoing 16 research, development, and evaluation; 17 (4) Ensure professional success and retention of new 18 teachers; and 19 (5) Increase teacher retention rates to at least ninety 20 per cent. 21 The Hawaii beginning teacher induction center pilot (C)22 program shall use mentors, selected on the basis of



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1	understanding of s	tandards, curriculum, assessment, and	
2	literacy/mathematics education. To the extent possible, mentor		
3	positions shall be filled by currently employed teachers and may		
4	include retired principals and teachers on a full- or part-time		
5	basis. Each mentor shall attend at least twelve full days of		
6	mentor training at a mentor academy, which shall include		
7	instruction on the assessment tools, coaching, observation		
8	strategies, and analysis of student work. The mentors shall be		
9	fully released from their classroom responsibilities during		
10	participation in the program. Mentors shall tailor support to		
11	the needs of each	individual teacher, which may include:	
12	(1) Classroo	om management;	
13	(2) At least	three formal classroom observations with	
14	feedback	cycles;	
15	(3) Informal	observations;	
16	(4) Collect:	on of student data;	
17	(5) Lesson (lesign;	
18	(6) Demonstr	cation lessons;	
19	(7) Resource	e identification; and	
20	(8) Interact	tion with colleagues, parents, and	
21	administ	crators.	



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Each mentor shall conduct weekly one-on-one meetings with
 each teacher they are assigned to mentor and attend weekly half day mentor forums providing continuing professional development
 for mentors.

5 (d) The Hawaii beginning teacher induction center pilot6 program may also include the following:

7 (1) A five-day summer institute for beginning teachers,
8 which includes planning for the upcoming school year,
9 familiarization with assessment tools, and a one-day
10 visit to a school to observe exemplary teachers in the
11 first days of school;

12 (2) Two days of release time for teachers to observe
13 exemplary veteran teachers and debrief; and

14 (3) At least three half-day trainings for school

15 administrators over the course of the school year to16 learn how to support the program.

17 (e) The department of education shall provide for program18 assessment that shall consist of the following:

19 (1) The new teacher center formative assessment system to
20 assist teachers and mentors in collecting data that
21 includes classroom profiles, assessment logs,



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1		individual learning plans, self-assessment summaries,
2		and analysis of student work;
3	(2)	The Hawaii continuum of teacher development to allow
4		teachers to self-assess along four characteristics,
5		that is, emerging, applying, integrating, and
6		innovating, and to set goals at the beginning of the
7		year to be evaluated at the year's end;
8	(3)	Data collection, including:
9		(A) Weekly teacher performance measures;
10		(B) Teacher certification and retention tracking;
11		(C) Professional development attendance rates;
12		(D) Student achievement, including benchmark
13		assessments in grades three to eight; and
14		(E) Teacher, mentor, and site administrator surveys;
15		and
16	(4)	A final evaluation and written report to assess the
17		effectiveness of the program based on the teacher,
18		mentor, and site administrator surveys, professional
19		development attendance rates, student achievement
20		benchmarks, and teacher retention tracking.
21	(f)	The department of education shall submit interim
22	reports of	n the Hawaii beginning teacher induction center pilot



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program, including its status, outcomes, findings, and 1 2 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days 3 prior to the convening of each regular session from 2010 to 4 2012, and a final report to the legislature no later than twenty 5 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013. 6 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and 9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 10 year 2010-2011 for the Hawaii beginning teacher induction center 11 pilot program established pursuant to this part. 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 13 of education for the purposes of this part. 14 PART V 15 SECTION 15. The legislature finds that to fully address 16 the teacher shortage in public schools, the State must take a 17 comprehensive approach to ensure that an adequate supply of new 18 teachers are being trained, and once trained and hired, efforts are made to retain these teachers. 19 20 The purpose of this part is to require the dean of the 21 college of education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to 22 develop a teacher shortage elimination plan.



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1	SECTION 16. (a) The dean of the college of education at		
2	the University of Hawaii at Manoa shall develop a teacher		
3	shortage elimination plan, which shall include, but not be		
4	limited to:		
5	(1)	A review of any previous plans developed within the	
6		past six years to address the teacher shortage in	
7		Hawaii, and the success or failure of the plans to	
8		achieve reductions in teacher shortages;	
9	(2)	A review of current teacher shortages and projections	
10		for teacher shortages statewide in the next five	
.11		years;	
12	(3)	Strategies for increasing the numbers of students	
13		completing teacher education programs in the State;	
14	(4)	Incentives for staffing hard-to-fill vacancies; and	
15	(5)	Recommendations and incentives for increasing	
16		retention rates of teachers in all content areas.	
17	(b)	The dean shall consult with the department of	
18	education	, the Hawaii state teachers association, individual	
19	teachers a	and educational officers, and any others the dean may	
20	deem appro	opriate.	

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1	(c) The dean shall report to the legislature no later than
2	twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
3	2010 on the status of the teacher shortage elimination plan.
4	PART VI
5	SECTION 17. New statutory material is underscored.
6	SECTION 18. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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