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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education currently has requirements for the certification of
3 its principals and vice-principals. The legislature also finds
4 that the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
5 provides educational funds for states that pursue educational
6 reform and additional funds for those states that qualify for
7 Race to the Top funds by advancing educational reform. One of
8 selection criteria for Race to the Top funds is providing
9 alternative routes to certification for teachers and principals;
10 however, section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, currently
11 provides for one pathway to certification and exceptions on a
12 case-by-case basis.

13 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
14 education to establish alternative routes to certification for
15 principals and vice-principals. The alternative requirements
16 shall meet the federal government's Race to the Top fund
17 selection criteria.



1 SECTION 2. Section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§302A-605 Principals and vice-principals. (a)**
4 Principals shall meet the department's certification
5 requirements and shall have not less than five years of
6 appropriate school-level experience of which at least three
7 years shall have been as a teacher.

8 (b) Vice-principals shall meet the department's
9 certification requirements and shall have appropriate school-
10 level experience as determined by the department.

11 ~~[(c) On a case by case basis, the department may waive the~~
12 ~~certification requirements and school level experience for vice-~~
13 ~~principal candidates with appropriate administrative experience.~~
14 ~~The department shall establish criteria and reasons for waivers~~
15 ~~pursuant to chapter 91.]~~

16 (c) The department shall determine additional alternative
17 routes to certification for both principals and vice-principals.
18 The department shall establish alternative routes to
19 certification pursuant to chapter 91.

20 (d) For purposes of this section, "alternative routes to
21 certification" has the same meaning as the term "alternative
22 routes to certification" determined by United States Department



1 of Education regulations for state applications for Race to the
2 Top fund allocations under section 14001 of the federal American
3 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as amended."

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

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

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Report Title:

School Principals and Vice-Principals; Alternative Routes to Certification

Description:

Requires the department of education to determine alternative routes to certification for school principals and vice-principals. Repeals the department of education's authority to waive certain teacher certification and school-level experience requirements for vice-principal candidates on a case-by-case basis.

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