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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-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3       "(c) The board shall adopt policies, exempt from chapters  
4 91 and 92, to initiate the following:

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



1 appropriate, deems necessary for a permit. The  
2 department or the commission, when appropriate, shall  
3 have the authority to waive the requirement of a  
4 bachelor's degree to teach in a [~~vocation~~]  
5 vocational, technical, or career pathway education  
6 program; provided that the department and the  
7 commission shall waive the requirement of a bachelor's  
8 degree or other credential to teach in a vocational,  
9 technical, or career pathway education program for  
10 current or former members of the United States armed  
11 forces that have satisfactory experience working in  
12 the vocational, technical, or career field for which  
13 the permit is sought;

14 (2) Develop a plan to accept teachers from any state as  
15 long as they have completed state-approved teacher  
16 education programs and pass relevant Hawaii teacher  
17 examinations or their equivalent;

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



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- 1       (4) Develop a plan to facilitate licensing for those who  
2       intend to teach in Hawaii immersion programs, the  
3       island of Niihau, or any other extraordinary situation  
4       as defined by the superintendent or the  
5       superintendent's designee, or by the commission, when  
6       appropriate; and  
7       (5) Pursue full teacher license reciprocity with all other  
8       states."

9       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10     and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11     SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Education; Vocational, Technical, and Career Pathway Program;  
Teaching Permit; Armed Forces; HTSB

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii teacher standards board to develop criteria to allow individuals with United States armed forces experience to teach in vocational, technical, and career pathway programs. Requires the DOE and public charter school commission to waive the requirement of a bachelor's degree or other credentials for current or former United States armed forces members seeking a permit to teach in vocational, technical, and career pathway programs, if the member has relevant and satisfactory experience.

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