### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 302L-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) There is established an executive office on early
- 4 learning that shall be [temporarily placed within the office of
- 5 the governor; provided that on July 1, 2015, the executive
- 6 office on early learning shall be] permanently established
- 7 within the department of education [for administrative purposes
- 8 only.], beginning on July 1, 2015."
- 9 SECTION 2. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
- 10 the office of the governor relating to this Act are transferred
- 11 to the department of education.
- 12 All employees who occupy civil service positions and whose
- 13 functions are transferred to the department of education by this
- 14 Act shall retain their civil service status, whether permanent
- 15 or temporary. Employees shall be transferred without loss of
- 16 salary, seniority (except as prescribed by applicable collective
- 17 bargaining agreements), retention points, prior service credit,



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- 1 any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other
- 2 rights, benefits, and privileges, in accordance with state
- 3 personnel laws and this Act; provided that the employees possess
- 4 the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements
- 5 for the class or position to which transferred or appointed, as
- 6 applicable; provided further that subsequent changes in status
- 7 may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and
- 8 compensation laws.
- 9 Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil
- 10 service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may
- 11 retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed
- 12 to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An
- 13 exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer
- 14 any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits
- 15 previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a
- 16 consequence of this Act; provided that the employees possess
- 17 legal and public employment requirements for the position to
- 18 which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further
- 19 that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to
- 20 applicable employment and compensation laws. The superintendent
- 21 of education may prescribe the duties and qualifications of



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- 1 these employees and fix their salaries without regard to chapter
- 2 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 3 SECTION 3. All appropriations, records, equipment,
- 4 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
- 5 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
- 6 acquired, or held by the office of the governor relating to the
- 7 functions transferred to the department of education shall be
- 8 transferred with the functions to which they relate.
- 9 SECTION 4. All rules, policies, procedures, guidelines,
- 10 and other material adopted or developed by the office of the
- 11 governor to implement provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes
- 12 that are reenacted or made applicable to the department of
- 13 education by this Act, shall remain in full force and effect
- 14 until amended or repealed by the board of education pursuant to
- 15 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In the interim, every
- 16 reference to the office of the governor or the governor in those
- 17 rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, and other material is
- 18 amended to refer to the department of education, the board of
- 19 education, or the superintendent of education, as appropriate.
- 20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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### Report Title:

Executive Office on Early Learning; DOE

### Description:

Transfers the executive office on early learning from the governor's office to the DOE.

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