
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to empower the
2 teachers and administrators of Hawaii by forming an "education
3 advisory council" composed of current educators and
4 administrators. The council shall have the authority to make
5 decisions regarding educational policy, curriculum and
6 performance standards for public schools.

7 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§302A-1101 Department of education; board of education;**
10 **superintendent of education.** (a) There shall be a principal
11 executive department to be known as the department of education,
12 which shall be headed by a [~~policy-making~~] board to be known as
13 the board of education. The board [~~shall~~] may have power in
14 accordance with law to formulate statewide educational policy,
15 adopt student performance standards and assessment models,
16 monitor school success, and appoint the superintendent of



1 education as the chief executive officer of the public school
2 system.

3 (b) The board shall appoint, and may remove, the
4 superintendent by a majority vote of its members. The
5 superintendent:

6 (1) May be appointed without regard to the state residency
7 provisions of section 78-1(b);

8 (2) May be appointed for a term of up to four years; and

9 (3) May be terminated only for cause.

10 (c) The board shall invite the senior military commander
11 in Hawaii to appoint a nonvoting military representative to the
12 board, who shall serve for a two-year term without compensation.
13 As the liaison to the board, the military representative shall
14 advise the board regarding state education policies and
15 departmental actions affecting students who are enrolled in
16 public schools as family members of military personnel. The
17 military representative shall carry out these duties as part of
18 the representative's official military duties and shall be
19 guided by applicable state and federal statutes, regulations,
20 and policies and may be removed only for cause by a majority
21 vote of the members of the board.



1 (d) The board shall appoint the state public charter
2 school commission which shall serve as the statewide charter
3 authorizer for charter schools, with the power and duty to issue
4 charters, oversee and monitor charter schools, hold charter
5 schools accountable for their performance, and revoke charters.

6 (e) An "education advisory council" shall be formed. The
7 council shall have power in accordance with law to formulate
8 statewide educational policy, adopt student performance
9 standards and assessment models, and to monitor school success.

10 The council shall be composed of:

- 11 (1) One public school superintendent;
- 12 (2) One public high school principal or teacher;
- 13 (3) One public middle school principal or teacher;
- 14 (4) One public elementary school principal or teacher; and
- 15 (5) One charter school principal or teacher.

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Advisory Educational Council; Establishment

Description:

Establishes the creation of a working council made up by educators to have an input in curriculum, policy and educational decisions.

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