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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the board of  
2 education presently consists of nine voting members, none of  
3 whom are required to be public school teachers.

4       The legislature further finds that the board will benefit  
5 from the appointment of a current public school teacher as a  
6 nonvoting representative to the board, to provide firsthand  
7 experience and expertise on the educational climate in Hawaii's  
8 public schools and explain the resources teachers need to help  
9 Hawaii's students. An appointed public school teacher on the  
10 board will provide insight into current and proposed educational  
11 practices and policies and the effects of those practices and  
12 policies on teachers, students, and the community.

13       The purpose of this Act is to amend the board of  
14 education's membership by inviting the exclusive representative  
15 for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school  
16 teacher representative to the board.



SECTION 2. Section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~[§]302A-121~~ Board of education; members; student ~~[and]~~, military, and teacher representatives. (a) The board shall consist of nine voting members as follows:

(1) One member from the county of Hawaii;

(2) One member from the county of Maui;

(3) One member from the county of Kauai;

(4) Three members from the city and county of Honolulu;

and

(5) Three at-large members; provided that the governor shall select an at-large member as the chairperson.

The members shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor may remove or suspend for cause any member of the board.

(b) Pursuant to article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the period of transition from the elected to the appointed board shall be as determined in section 21 of Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.

(c) The members of the board shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses,



1 including travel and board and lodging expenses, while attending  
2 meetings of the board or when actually engaged in business  
3 relating to the work of the board.

4 (d) Pursuant to section 302A-447, the state student  
5 council shall select a nonvoting public high school student  
6 representative to the board.

7 (e) Pursuant to section 302A-1101(c), the board shall  
8 invite the senior military commander in Hawaii to appoint a  
9 nonvoting military representative to the board.

10 (f) The board shall invite the exclusive representative  
11 for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school  
12 teacher representative to the board."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Board of Education; Membership; Public School Teacher  
Representative

**Description:**

Amends the Board of Education membership by inviting the  
exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) (teachers and  
other personnel of the Department of Education) to appoint a  
nonvoting public school teacher representative to the Board.  
(HB2049 HD1)

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