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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STANDARDIZED TESTING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the federal Every  
2 Student Succeeds Act of 2015 permits states to institute caps  
3 limiting the amount of time that students spend taking  
4 standardized tests.

5           The purpose of this Act is to promote real-world learning  
6 experiences for Hawaii's children by limiting the number of  
7 standardized tests students take each school year, with the  
8 intention of limiting the amount of time students spend  
9 participating in standardized testing.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13           "**§302A-           Standardized tests limitations; exemptions.**

14           (a) No more than four different standardized tests shall be  
15 administered to any student, other than a student with  
16 disabilities or an English language learner, per school year.



1        (b) Upon application to the board, a school may be granted  
2 waivers from the standardized testing limitations in this  
3 section.

4        (c) Each complex area superintendent shall submit an  
5 annual report to the board that includes the number of  
6 standardized tests required and the amount of instructional time  
7 devoted to preparing for and taking standardized tests at each  
8 school within the complex area.

9        (d) The department shall notify students and the students'  
10 parents or guardians about the right to opt out of participating  
11 in statewide standardized tests.

12        (e) For the purpose of this section, "standardized test"  
13 means any federal, state, or locally mandated assessment that is  
14 administered and scored in a consistent manner and intended to  
15 measure a student's academic readiness, achievement level,  
16 learning progress, or skill acquisition, including any  
17 diagnostic, interim, or practice test used to prepare such an  
18 assessment, but excluding those tests that are required under  
19 the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, as amended, as described  
20 in the Hawaii consolidated state plan."



1 SECTION 3. (a) No later than September 1, 2018, the board  
2 of education shall begin a one-year statewide survey of school  
3 administrators and teachers to determine:

- 4 (1) The amount of time spent on preparation for  
5 standardized testing; and  
6 (2) The effect of the preparation time on the quality of  
7 instruction.

8 (b) The survey shall include questions related to:

- 9 (1) The relationship between the amount of time spent on  
10 standardized test preparation and the amount of time  
11 that is available for implementation of the approved  
12 curriculum;

- 13 (2) The amount of time teachers devote to alignment of  
14 curriculum with standardized tests;

- 15 (3) The percentage of standardized test items that are  
16 above grade level;

- 17 (4) The overall impact of standardized testing on the  
18 classroom environment; and

- 19 (5) Other questions that are relevant to the impact of  
20 standardized testing on the quality of public  
21 education in the state.



- 1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Standardized Testing; Board of Education; Department of Education

**Description:**

Limits the number of standardized tests students take in a school year. Requires the Board of Education to conduct a statewide survey of school administrators and teachers to determine the time spent on preparing for standardized tests and the impact of preparation time on the quality of instruction. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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