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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards
4 board, which shall be placed within the department for
5 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of
6 [~~fifteen~~] seventeen members, including not less than six
7 licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching at the time of
8 the appointment, three educational officers employed at the time
9 of the appointment, the chairperson of the board of education or
10 the chairperson's designee, the superintendent or the
11 superintendent's designee, a representative of independent
12 schools, the dean of the University of Hawaii college of
13 education or the dean's designee[+] and the chairperson of the
14 Native Hawaiian Education Council or designee; provided that one
15 teacher member shall be engaged in teaching at a Hawaii public
16 charter school at the time of appointment and the dean's
17 designee shall be chosen from the member institutions of the

1 teacher education coordinating committee established under
2 section 304A-1202, and two members of the public. A non-voting
3 teacher candidate from a Hawaii educator preparation program at
4 a public institution of higher education on a rotating basis
5 shall be appointed by the chairperson of the teacher education
6 coordinating committee to serve a one-year term.

7 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
8 superintendent, [and] dean of the college of education, the
9 chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council, and the
10 teacher candidate member, the governor shall appoint the members
11 of the board pursuant to section 26-34, from a list of qualified
12 nominees submitted to the governor by the departments, agencies,
13 education stakeholder groups, and organizations representative
14 of the constituencies of the board; provided that the governor
15 may request additional names of qualified nominees from the
16 departments, agencies, education stakeholder groups, and
17 organizations representative of the constituencies of the board
18 at any time. To the extent possible, the board membership shall
19 reflect a combination of abilities, breadth of experiences, and
20 characteristics that will best serve the diverse interests and
21 needs of elementary and secondary school personnel and the
22 education system in Hawaii from early childhood through higher
23 education. Such considerations shall include but not be limited

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1 to reflecting the diversity of the student population,
2 geographical representation, and a broad representation of
3 education-related stakeholders."

4 SECTION 2. Section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.

7 ~~[Beginning July 1, 2002, all new licenses shall be issued by the~~
8 ~~board.]~~ No person shall serve as a half-time or full-time
9 teacher in a public school without first having obtained a
10 license or permit from the board under this subpart. All
11 licenses and permits issued by the board shall be valid only for
12 the fields specified on the licenses and permits and shall be
13 renewable every five years for a standard license and every ten
14 years for an advanced license or permit if the individual
15 continues to:

16 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing and permit standards and
17 submits verification, in a form specified by the
18 board, that the individual has completed activities
19 specified by the board in fulfillment of each of the
20 teacher performance standards established by the
21 board;

22 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous

1 five years through verification by a supervisor, in a
2 form specified by the board;
3 (3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established
4 by the board;
5 (4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of
6 Licenses and permits; and
7 (5) Pay all applicable license and permit fees in a timely
8 manner. The board shall randomly audit a licensee's or permit
9 holder's compliance with paragraph (1) and may establish rules,
10 pursuant to chapter 91, for the random audits.

11 No person shall be issued a license or permit or teach on
12 an emergency basis in the public schools without having first
13 paid the fees established by the board in accordance with
14 chapter 91.

15 The failure to timely renew a license or permit, pay all
16 fees in a timely manner, or comply with any other requirement
17 provided by law or administrative rule shall result in the
18 automatic forfeiture of the license or permit. A person with a
19 forfeited license or permit shall not teach at a public school
20 until that person's license or permit is restored. Restoration
21 of a license shall require compliance with the renewal
22 requirements provided by law or administrative rule and payment
23 of all applicable renewal and late fees. Upon restoration of a

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1 person's license or permit, the person may teach at a public
2 school."

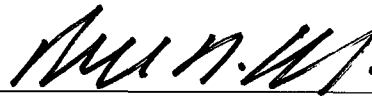
3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
6 July 1, 2018.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Board membership; Permits

Description:

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Education.

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

PURPOSE: Increase membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarify that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

MEANS: Amend sections 302A-801 (a) and (b) and section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The addition of a representative from the Native Hawaiian Education Council to the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board will provide insight to teacher preparation and licensure policies that will support the constitutional requirement to support Hawaiian education programs incorporating the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language.

Inclusion of a non-voting teacher candidate member will provide feedback from emerging teachers to improve preparation program policies and procedures.

The addition of "permits" as a requirement clarifies existing requirements that public school teachers must have the appropriate license or permit issued by the board to be eligible to serve as a public school teacher.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: University of Hawaii will be compelled to

provide a selected student teacher to
participate on the Board.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: University of Hawaii.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018.