
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 subsections (a) to (c) 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~~]:

7 (1) Not less than six licensed teachers regularly engaged
8 in teaching at the time of the appointment [~~, three~~];
9 provided that one teacher member shall be engaged in
10 teaching at a Hawaii public charter school at the time
11 of appointment;

12 (2) Three educational officers employed at the time of the
13 appointment [~~, the~~];

14 (3) The chairperson of the board of education or the
15 chairperson's designee [~~, the~~];

16 (4) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee [~~,
17 a~~];



- 1 (5) A representative of independent schools [~~the~~];
- 2 (6) The dean of the University of Hawaii college of
3 education or the dean's designee; provided that [one
4 ~~teacher member shall be engaged in teaching at a~~
5 ~~Hawaii public charter school at the time of~~
6 ~~appointment and]~~ the dean's designee shall be chosen
7 from the member institutions of the teacher education
8 coordinating committee established under section 304A-
9 1202 [~~and two~~];
- 10 (7) A representative of the Native Hawaiian Education
11 Council;
- 12 (8) Two members of the public [-]; and
- 13 (9) One non-voting teacher candidate from a Hawaii
14 educator preparation program at a public institution
15 of higher education on a rotating basis; provided that
16 the teacher candidate shall be appointed by the
17 chairperson of the teacher education coordinating
18 committee to serve a one-year term.
- 19 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
20 superintendent, [~~and~~] dean of the college of education, and
21 teacher candidate member, the governor shall appoint the members



1 of the board pursuant to section 26-34, from a list of qualified
2 nominees submitted to the governor by the departments, agencies,
3 education stakeholder groups, and organizations representative
4 of the constituencies of the board; provided that the governor
5 may request additional names of qualified nominees from the
6 departments, agencies, education stakeholder groups, and
7 organizations representative of the constituencies of the board
8 at any time. To the extent possible, the board membership shall
9 reflect a combination of abilities, breadth of experiences, and
10 characteristics that will best serve the diverse interests and
11 needs of elementary and secondary school personnel and the
12 education system in Hawaii from early childhood through higher
13 education. [~~Such~~] These considerations shall include but not be
14 limited to reflecting the diversity of the student population,
15 geographical representation, and a broad representation of
16 education-related stakeholders.

17 (c) [~~Notwithstanding~~] Except as provided by subsection
18 (a) (9), and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, appointed
19 board members shall serve not more than three consecutive three-
20 year terms. Teacher and educational officer members who retire
21 during a term may serve the remainder of their current term."



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

3 "§302A-805 Teachers; license or permit required; renewals.

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

- 12 (1) Satisfy the board's licensing and permit standards and
13 submits verification, in a form specified by the
14 board, that the individual has completed activities
15 specified by the board in fulfillment of each of the
16 teacher performance standards established by the
17 board;
- 18 (2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous
19 five years through verification by a supervisor, in a
20 form specified by the board;



1 (3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established
2 by the board;

3 (4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of
4 licenses[+] and permits; and

5 (5) Pay all applicable license and permit fees in a timely
6 manner.

7 The board shall randomly audit a licensee's or permit holder's
8 compliance with paragraph (1) and may establish rules, pursuant
9 to chapter 91, for the random audits.

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

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



1 of all applicable renewal and late fees. Upon restoration of a
2 person's license[~~7~~] or permit, the person may teach at a public
3 school."

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

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



Report Title:

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board; Board Membership; Permits

Description:

Increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a representative of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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