## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

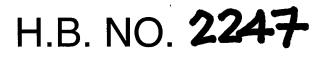
SECTION 1. The legislature finds Hawaii is the only state in the nation where a single department of education and a single statewide board run the public education system. All other states have school systems broken down into districts within the state. Each district has a separate board of education. Hawaii's single board of education is unlike any other state.

8 The legislature also finds the condition of Hawaii's public 9 schools, in terms of facility maintenance, infrastructure, and 10 school performance is below average. The department of education 11 has a large deferred maintenance backlog, with an estimated 12 3,800 pending repair and maintenance projects totaling an 13 estimated cost of \$868 million for its 256 schools. Recent data 14 from the Strive HI Performance System for Hawaii public schools 15 also shows below average results for students meeting the 16 statewide proficiency standards for the subject areas of 17 language arts (54%), math (43%), and science (44%).



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1	The legislature further finds the current centralization of
2	the board of education undermines the autonomy that counties
3	should have over their schools. Creating separate boards for
4	each county will shift autonomy to the counties and better
5	address the needs of the public schools within the county. This
6	will provide more efficient and effective management of funds.
7	The purpose of this Act is to reorganize the structure of
8	the current board of education and establish separate boards of
9	education for each of the four counties of Hawaii.
10	SECTION 2. Section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended to read as follows:
12	" (a) The [ <del>board</del> ] <u>boards</u> shall consist of
13	[nine] members as follows:
14	(1) [ <del>One member</del> ] members from the county of Hawaii;
15	(2) [ <del>One member</del> ] members from the county of Maui;
16	(3) [ <del>One member</del> ] members from the county of Kauai;
17	(4) [Three members] members from the city and
18	county of Honolulu; and
19	(5) [Three] Four at-large members, one for each county
20	board; provided that the [governor] mayors of each



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1	county shall select an at-large member as the
2	chairperson[.] of each board.
3	The members of each county board shall be appointed by the
4	[ <del>governor</del> ] mayor of the county, with the advice and consent of
5	the senate. The[ <del>governor</del> ] mayor of each county may remove or
6	suspend for cause any member of the board[ <del>.]</del> that serves on the
7	board of the mayor's county.
8	(b) Pursuant to article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii
9	State Constitution, the period of transition from the elected to
10	the appointed board shall be as determined in section 21 of Act
11	5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.
12	(c) The members of [the] each county board shall serve
13	without pay but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary
14	expenses, including travel and board and lodging expenses, while
15	attending [meetings of the board] board meetings or when
16	actually engaged in business relating to [the work of the board]
17	each member's county board for which they serve.
18	(d) Pursuant to section 302A-447, the state student
19	council shall select a nonvoting public high school student
20	representative to [the board] each of the county boards.

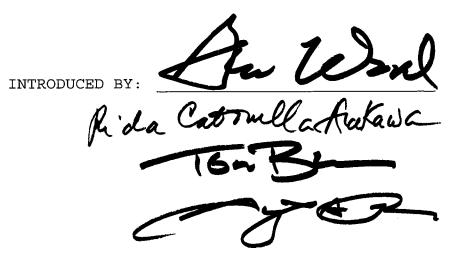


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1	(e) Pursuant to section 302A-1101(c), [the board] each
2	county board shall invite the senior military commander in
3	Hawaii to appoint [a] one nonvoting military representative to
4	[the board] serve on each county board."
5	SECTION 3. Section 302A-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	§302A-201 Statewide performance standards. "[The board]
8	Each county board shall create [establish statewide] its own
9	recommendations for student performance standards and the means
10	to assess the standards based upon the recommendations in the
11	final report of the performance standards commission established
12	pursuant to Act 334, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991; provided that
13	each county board will present its findings to the performance
14	standards commission, and the [board] commission may review and
15	modify the performance standards, as the [ <del>board</del> ] <u>commission</u>
16	deems necessary, to reflect the needs of public school students
17	and educational goals adopted by [the board] each county board."
18	SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
20	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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## Description:

Changes the Board of Education from one centralized Board to a Board for each county. Gives authority to county mayors to appoint members to the Board.

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