
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that properly licensed school psychologists provide effective services to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally by providing direct educational and mental health services for children and youth, as well as working with parents, educators, and other professionals to create supportive learning and social environments for all children.

Hawaii is the only state without certification or licensure for school psychologists. As a result of the State's lack of regulation of school psychologists, the State is unable to seek reimbursements from the federal medicaid program for the use of school psychologists in an educational setting.

However, further consideration must be given to determine whether school psychologists should be regulated and, if so, the appropriate form of any such regulation.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
2 auditor to perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation
3 of school psychologists.

4 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement of a
5 referring concurrent resolution pursuant to section 26H-6,
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the auditor shall analyze the probable
7 effects of a proposed regulatory measure to regulate the
8 profession of school psychologists in Hawaii and assess whether
9 its enactment is consistent with the policies under section 26H-
10 2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The proposed measure to be analyzed
11 shall be S.B. No. 2281, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 (regular session of
12 2022). The auditor shall analyze, at minimum, the issues
13 entailed in the definition of school psychologist, description
14 of services delivered by a school psychologist, and mandatory
15 advisement to the board of psychology from a private
16 organization; and make recommendations on whether school
17 psychologists should be regulated.

18 (b) The auditor shall consider alternatives to the
19 proposed regulation, as appropriate.



1 (c) The auditor shall submit a report of the analyses
2 requested in this Act to the legislature no later than twenty
3 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.



S.B. NO. 2281 S.D. 2 H.D. 2

Report Title:

School Psychologists; Licensure; Auditor; Sunrise Analysis

Description:

Requires the auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on a proposal to regulate school psychologists. Requires the auditor to submit a report to the legislature by 2024. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD2)

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