
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§302A- Student to teacher ratios. (a) The department shall adopt the board of education's recommended student to teacher ratios to promote quality instruction and positive student-teacher interaction. The optimal class size for department schools is designated by the following student to teacher ratios:

(1) Grades K-3 shall be or shall not exceed 20:1; provided that the maximum class size for grades K-2 shall be or shall not exceed 25:1; and

(2) Grades 4-12 shall be or shall not exceed 26:1.

(b) In the event that these class ratios cannot be met, schools must notify parents and guardians for the rationale of any changes.



1 (c) In determining compliance with this section, schools
2 shall not average student to teacher ratios based on total
3 student enrollment and total teachers.

4 (d) The department shall implement this policy to ensure
5 that instructional personnel and other staff are allocated in a
6 manner that is educationally sound, instructionally appropriate,
7 informative to parents and guardians, and consistent with
8 available funding."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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H.B. NO. 1200

Report Title:

DOE; BOE; Student to Teacher Ratios; Class Sizes

Description:

Codifies the board of education's policy for class sizes to promote quality education and positive student-teacher interactions. Informs parents if changes to class sizes are needed.

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