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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS.

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

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

4 "§302A- Calculating student-to-teacher ratios. (a) The  
5 optimal class size for department schools as determined by  
6 department policy or collective bargaining shall be calculated  
7 by the following method:

8 (1) The calculation shall be based on the amount of  
9 classroom teachers only and shall not include school  
10 librarians, counselors, registrars, and special  
11 education teachers, when they are not the sole  
12 classroom instructor; and

13 (2) Schools shall calculate the student-to-teacher ratio  
14 based on the total amount of students and teachers in  
15 each classroom rather than total student school  
16 enrollment.



1                   (b) In the event that the student-to-teacher ratio cannot  
2                   be met, schools must notify parents and guardians for the  
3                   rationale of any changes.

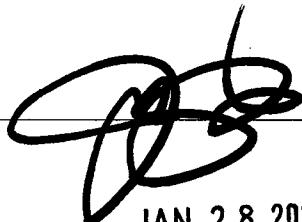
4                   (c) The department shall implement this policy to ensure  
5                   that instructional personnel and other staff are allocated in a  
6                   manner that is educationally sound, instructionally appropriate,  
7                   informative to parents and guardians,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

9                   SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# H.B. NO. 2530

**Report Title:**

DOE; Teachers; Student-to-Teacher Ratios; Class Sizes

**Description:**

Requires the Board of Education and collective bargaining units to calculate student-to-teacher ratios for class sizes according to a prescribed method to promote quality education and positive student-teacher interactions. Informs parents if changes to class sizes are needed.

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