
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-804, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The department's powers and duties under this subpart
4 shall be limited to:

5 (1) Hiring, except in emergency situations as described in
6 this chapter, licensed teachers to teach in their
7 fields of licensing;

8 (2) Reporting data annually to the board about the supply
9 of, and demand for, teachers in department schools,
10 including the identification of shortage areas,
11 out-of-field teaching assignments, number of
12 classrooms without a licensed teacher for a quarter or
13 more, numbers of teachers teaching out-of-field,
14 numbers and types of courses and classes taught by
15 out-of-field teachers, and numbers and types of
16 students taught by out-of-field teachers;



1 (3) On an emergency and case-by-case basis, hiring
2 unlicensed individuals; provided that:
3 (A) A list of the names, work sites, teaching
4 assignments, and progress toward licensing of
5 these individuals shall be reported to the board
6 and any changes shall be updated on a monthly
7 basis by the department;
8 (B) There are no properly licensed teachers for the
9 specific assignments for which the individuals
10 are being hired; and
11 (C) No individual may be employed by the department
12 on an emergency basis for more than [~~three~~] five
13 years; provided that in the case of a declaration
14 of a state of emergency pursuant to section
15 127A-14, the board, pursuant to its powers in
16 section 302A-803(a)(18), may extend the [~~three-~~
17 ~~year~~] five-year period by authorizing an
18 extension to complete licensing requirements[~~-~~
19 ~~During~~]; provided further that during this time,
20 the individual shall demonstrate active pursuit
21 of licensing in each year of employment[~~+~~]



1 through continuous and verifiable progress toward
2 satisfying licensing requirements, including
3 enrollment in an approved teacher education
4 program, completion of relevant coursework,
5 mentorship, application of necessary credentials,
6 or other method approved by the board;

7 (4) Submitting an annual report to the board documenting:

8 (A) The number of emergency hires in department
9 schools by subject matter areas and by school;

10 (B) The reasons and duration of employment for the
11 emergency hiring enumerated in subparagraph (A);
12 and

13 (C) The department's efforts to address the shortages
14 described in subparagraph (A); and

15 (5) Providing any other information requested by the board
16 that is pertinent to its powers and duties."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
20 provided that on June 30, 2031, this Act shall be repealed and
21 section 302A-804(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted



1 in the form in which it read on the day prior to the effective
2 date of this Act.



Report Title:

DOE; Teacher Licensing; Emergency Hire; Exemptions; Licensure Progress

Description:

Allows the Department of Education to hire unlicensed individuals as teachers on an emergency basis for five, rather than three, years. Requires that unlicensed teachers hired on an emergency basis make continuous and verifiable progress toward satisfying licensing requirements. Sunsets on 6/30/2031. (HD2)

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