

ACT 41

S.B. NO. 501

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the past several years the teacher education coordinating committee has worked to strengthen the efforts of all teacher education institutions in Hawaii to prepare quality teachers for Hawaii's K-12 schools.

The purpose of this Act is to support the efforts of the teacher education coordinating committee by clarifying the membership of the committee to ensure that all institutions that are state-approved teacher education units have a representative on the committee.

SECTION 2. Section 304A-1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is created an advisory committee to be known as the teacher education coordinating committee to identify, study, take action, or make recommendations on matters of education of common interest to the department of education and institutions of higher learning in Hawaii. The membership of the committee shall include the superintendent of education and the dean of the college of education of the University of Hawaii, who shall serve in alternate years as chairperson of the committee with the superintendent acting as the first chairperson, a representative from each accredited ~~[teacher training institution in Hawaii.]~~ Hawaii state-approved teacher education unit, and a representative from the Hawaii teacher standards board. In addition, the superintendent of education and the dean of the college of education may each appoint other members to the committee; provided that the dean of the college of education shall appoint at least two members of the committee from the university who are not within the college of education.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

(Approved May 5, 2009.)