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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

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

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**PART I**

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SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, since July 2002, the Hawaii teacher standards board has been licensing teachers and approving teacher preparation programs. The Hawaii teacher standards board has worked in collaboration with teacher preparation programs, schools, agencies, and the department of education to improve the quantity and quality of teachers in the State, as well as the quantity and quality of necessary and relevant data that is accessible to all parties.

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In 2007, the confirmation process for nominations to the Hawaii teacher standards board became an issue. Questions regarding the appropriate entities to make recommendations to the governor under the law and specifying or clarifying those constituencies to be represented, including their size, require the legislature's attention to ensure effective operations of the Hawaii teacher standards board through proper representation of interested parties. Efforts to address the process have been



1 undertaken through a collaborative effort by the interested  
2 parties, including the Hawaii teacher standards board, to refine  
3 the current system.

4 The purpose of this Act is to make necessary changes to the  
5 membership and nomination process for, provide necessary funding  
6 for increased information accessibility for, and increase  
7 accountability of the Hawaii teacher standards board.

8 **PART II**

9 SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to:

- 10 (1) Increase the number of teaching professionals on the  
11 Hawaii teacher standards board;
- 12 (2) Define "teachers regularly engaged in teaching"; and
- 13 (3) Clarify those organizations that may nominate  
14 candidates for membership on the Hawaii teacher  
15 standards board.

16 SECTION 3. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

18 "(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards  
19 board, which shall be placed within the department for  
20 administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of  
21 [~~thirteen~~] fifteen members, including not [~~less~~] fewer than  
22 [~~six~~] eight licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching,



1 three educational officers, the chairperson of the board of  
2 education or the chairperson's designee, the superintendent or  
3 the superintendent's designee, a representative of independent  
4 schools, and the dean of the University of Hawaii college of  
5 education or the dean's designee; provided that the dean's  
6 designee shall be chosen from the member institutions of the  
7 teacher education coordinating committee established under  
8 section [†]304A-1202[†]. For purposes of this section,  
9 "teachers regularly engaged in teaching" means teachers, school  
10 counselors, or school librarians who are not assigned the duties  
11 of a school administrator.

12 (b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,  
13 the superintendent, and the dean of the college of education,  
14 the governor shall appoint the members of the board pursuant to  
15 section 26-34, from a list of qualified nominees submitted to  
16 the governor by [~~the departments, agencies, and organizations~~  
17 ~~representative of the constituencies of the board.~~]:

- 18 (1) The exclusive representative for public school  
19 teachers;  
20 (2) The exclusive representative for public school  
21 administrators;





1 agencies in a new way that expedites operations as well as  
2 avoids the need for duplicative collection of data by multiple  
3 institutions and agencies. This sharing of information will  
4 enable all parties to expedite the performance of their duties  
5 and responsibilities.

6 The data-sharing effort has three facets: (1) technology;  
7 (2) functionality; and (3) project management and coordination.  
8 The Hawaii teacher standards board and partner agencies are  
9 directed to determine a mutually acceptable data transfer method  
10 for the data to be exchanged.

11 The legislature further finds that, over the next several  
12 months, the participating organizations will work to agree on  
13 the list of transactions that each will be prepared to service  
14 and originate. These transactions shall include all information  
15 that each participating institution or agency, including the  
16 department of education, stores in its automated system that may  
17 support teacher licensing, re-licensing, teacher education, and  
18 hiring, including but not limited to license information for any  
19 current licensees, license application information for any  
20 applicant, state-approved teacher education program completer  
21 information, university course completion information for any  
22 licensee, higher education degree information, teacher



1 employment and work site information, teacher termination,  
2 resignation, retirement, and leave status.

3 The purpose of this part, based on the support of the  
4 teacher education coordinating committee, is to authorize the  
5 Hawaii teacher standards board to coordinate an effort to create  
6 a network incorporating the teacher education institutions and  
7 the department of education in order to support the free  
8 interchange of information valuable to all of the participating  
9 organizations. Further, it is the purpose of this part to  
10 provide funds to achieve this interchange.

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
14 the purposes of this part; provided that:

15 (1) An assessment of available internal resources and  
16 additional resources required shall be used to  
17 determine the funding needed to implement this part;  
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19 (2) In consultation with the participating organizations,  
20 the Hawaii teacher standards board shall use and  
21 disburse the funds to the network partners in a manner  
22 that responds to the organizations' needs and





- 1 (3) Receiving grants or donations from private  
2 foundations, and state and federal funds;
- 3 (4) Submitting an annual report to the governor and the  
4 legislature on the board's operations, including  
5 income and expenditures, and [~~from the 2007-2008~~  
6 ~~school year, submitting~~] a summary report [~~every~~] with  
7 data from the previous five years of the board's  
8 accomplishment of objectives, efforts to improve or  
9 maintain teacher quality, and efforts to keep its  
10 operations responsive and efficient;
- 11 (5) Conducting a cyclical review of standards and  
12 suggesting revisions for their improvement;
- 13 (6) Establishing licensing fees in accordance with chapter  
14 91, including the collection of fees by means of  
15 mandatory payroll deductions, which shall subsequently  
16 be deposited into the state treasury and credited to  
17 the Hawaii teacher standards board special fund;
- 18 (7) Establishing penalties in accordance with chapter 91;
- 19 (8) Issuing, renewing, revoking, suspending, and  
20 reinstating licenses;
- 21 (9) Reviewing reports from the department on individuals  
22 hired on an emergency basis;







1 302A-803(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in section 7 of this Act,  
2 shall not be repealed when that section is reenacted on July 1,  
3 2009, pursuant to section 4 of Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii  
4 2007.



**Report Title:**

HTSB; Composition; Nomination Process; Annual Report;  
Data/Information Management; Appropriation

**Description:**

Changes the composition of the Hawaii teacher standards board to include 8 licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching members. Defines the term "teachers regularly engaged in teaching"; and clarifies nominating procedures for board members. Appropriates funds for data/information management efforts of the board. Requires the Hawaii teacher standards board to include in its annual report to the governor and the legislature information on income and expenditures and supporting data. (SB2663 SD2)

