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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of  
2 education currently has requirements for the certification of  
3 its principals and vice-principals. The legislature also finds  
4 that the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
5 provides educational funds for states that pursue educational  
6 reform and additional funds for those states that qualify for  
7 Race to the Top funds by advancing educational reform.

8           One of the selection criteria for the Race to the Top funds  
9 is providing alternative routes to certification for teachers  
10 and principals. Although the legislature previously amended  
11 section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish  
12 alternative routes to certification, the current requirement  
13 that a principal candidate possess not less than five years of  
14 appropriate school-level experience, of which at least three  
15 years shall have been as a teacher, is too restrictive and  
16 conflicts with the Race to the Top grant requirements.



1           The purpose of this Act is to provide principal and vice-  
2 principal candidates alternate routes of certification that meet  
3 the federal Race to the Top requirements.

4           SECTION 2. Section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

6           "(a) Principals shall meet the department's certification  
7 requirements and shall have at least five years of appropriate  
8 school-level experience, including at least three years as a  
9 teacher[-], or equivalent experience, as determined by the  
10 department.

11           (b) Vice-principals shall meet the department's  
12 certification requirements and shall have appropriate school-  
13 level or equivalent experience, as determined by the  
14 department."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

17           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Relating to the Certification of Principals and Vice-Principals

**Description:**

Permits the Department of Education to determine alternative routes to certification for principals and vice-principals.

(SD2)

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