
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, as amended
2 by Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, required the
3 implementation of a new allocation method, the weighted student
4 formula, to distribute funds to schools based on the
5 characteristics of the students. Act 51, as amended, also
6 created the committee on weights whose responsibility it is to
7 recommend a formula and various weights of characteristics to
8 the board of education. With six years of experience, it has
9 become apparent that, to provide stability and predictability
10 for the principals and the school community councils, an
11 improved practice would be to have the committee on weights meet
12 every odd-numbered year rather than each year. Schools that are
13 developing academic and financial plans to improve student
14 achievement need to be assured of constant funding over a
15 two-year period.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the committee on
17 weights to meet no less than once every odd-numbered year,
18 rather than every year.

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1 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established within the department of
4 education the committee on weights to develop a weighted student
5 formula pursuant to section 302A-1303.6. The committee shall:

6 (1) Create a list of student characteristics that will be
7 weighted;

8 (2) Create a system of weights based upon the student
9 characteristics that may be applied to determine the
10 relative cost of educating any student;

11 (3) Determine specific student weights, including their
12 unit value;

13 (4) Determine which moneys shall be included in the amount
14 of funds to be allocated through the weighted student
15 formula;

16 (5) Recommend a weighted student formula to the board of
17 education;

18 (6) Perform any other function that may facilitate the
19 implementation of the weighted student formula; and

20 (7) Meet not less than [~~annually~~] once every odd-numbered
21 year, to review the weighted student formula and, if
22 the committee deems it necessary, recommend a new



1 weighted student formula for adoption by the board of
2 education."

3 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1303.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 "**§302A-1303.6 Weighted student formula.** Based upon
6 recommendations from the committee on weights, the board of
7 education, not less than [~~annually,~~] once every odd-numbered
8 year, shall adopt a weighted student formula for the allocation
9 of moneys to public schools that takes into account the
10 educational needs of each student. The department, upon the
11 receipt of appropriated moneys, shall use the weighted student
12 formula to allocate funds to public schools. Principals shall
13 expend moneys provided to the principals' schools. This section
14 shall only apply to charter schools for fiscal years in which
15 the charter schools elect pursuant to section 302B-13 to receive
16 allocations according to the weighted student formula."

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Committee on Weights; Weighted Student Formula

Description:

Amends Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the Committee on Weights to meet not less than once every odd-numbered year, rather than annually. Effective July 1, 2011.
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