
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The board of education presently consists of
2 nine voting members, none of whom is required to be a public
3 school teacher. The legislature finds that the board would
4 benefit from the appointment of a current public school teacher
5 as a nonvoting representative to the board, to provide firsthand
6 experience and expertise on the educational climate in Hawaii's
7 public schools and to explain the resources that teachers need
8 to help Hawaii's students. An appointed public school teacher
9 on the board would provide insight into current and proposed
10 educational practices and policies and the effects of those
11 practices and policies on teachers, students, and the community.

12 The purpose of this Act is to amend the board of
13 education's membership by inviting the exclusive representative
14 for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school
15 teacher representative to the board.

16 SECTION 2. Section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:



1 " ~~[+]~~ §302A-121 ~~[+]~~ Board of education; members; student
2 ~~[and]~~, military, and teacher representatives. (a) The board
3 shall consist of nine voting members as follows:

- 4 (1) One member from the county of Hawaii;
5 (2) One member from the county of Maui;
6 (3) One member from the county of Kauai;
7 (4) Three members from the city and county of Honolulu;
8 and
9 (5) Three at-large members; provided that the governor
10 shall select an at-large member as the chairperson.

11 The members shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice
12 and consent of the senate. The governor may remove or suspend
13 for cause any member of the board.

14 (b) Pursuant to article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii
15 State Constitution, the period of transition from the elected to
16 the appointed board shall be as determined in section 21 of Act
17 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.

18 (c) The members of the board shall serve without pay but
19 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses,
20 including travel and board and lodging expenses, while attending



1 meetings of the board or when actually engaged in business
2 relating to the work of the board.

3 (d) Pursuant to section 302A-447, the state student
4 council shall select a nonvoting public high school student
5 representative to the board.

6 (e) Pursuant to section 302A-1101(c), the board shall
7 invite the senior military commander in Hawaii to appoint a
8 nonvoting military representative to the board.

9 (f) The board shall invite the exclusive representative
10 for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school
11 teacher representative to the board."

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Board of Education; Membership; Public School Teacher Representative

Description:

Amends the Board of Education membership by inviting the exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) (teachers and other personnel of the Department of Education) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher representative to the Board.

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