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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE COMPACT FOR EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:**

1           SECTION 1. The guiding principle for the composition of  
2 the membership on the Education Commission of the States from  
3 each party state is that the members representing such state  
4 shall, by virtue of their training, experience, knowledge, or  
5 affiliations be in a position collectively to reflect broadly  
6 the interests of the state government, higher education, the  
7 state education system, local education, lay and professional,  
8 and public and nonpublic educational leadership. In an effort  
9 to follow the guiding principle and increase education expertise  
10 on the Commission, the number of members appointed by the  
11 Governor will increase and the Governor will be removed from the  
12 Commission. The purpose of this act is to remove the Governor  
13 from the Commission and replace the Governor with a fourth  
14 member appointed by the Governor.

15           SECTION 2. Section 311-2(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           "**§311-2 State commissioners.** (a) Notwithstanding section  
18 A of Article III, of the Compact for Education, as enacted in

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1 section 311-1, Hawaii's representatives to the Education  
2 Commission of the States, hereinafter called the "commission",  
3 shall consist of seven members. [~~The governor; two~~] Two members  
4 of the legislature selected by its respective houses and serving  
5 in such manner as the legislature may determine[+] and the head  
6 of a state agency or institution, designated by the governor,  
7 having one or more programs of public education, shall be ex  
8 officio members of the commission. The other [~~three~~] four  
9 members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the  
10 governor."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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**Report Title:**

Education Commission of the States; Amendment to Members

**Description:**

Amends section 311-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to remove the Governor from the Education Commission of the States and add a fourth member appointed by the Governor.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Education

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPACT FOR EDUCATION.

PURPOSE: To remove the Governor from the Education Commission of the States (Commission) under the Compact for Education and replace the Governor with a fourth member appointed by the Governor.

MEANS: Amend section 311-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Commission's guiding principle for the composition of the membership on the Commission from each party state is that the members representing such state shall, by virtue of their training, experience, knowledge, or affiliations be in a position collectively to reflect broadly the interests of the state government, higher education, the state education system, local education, lay and professional, and public and nonpublic educational leadership. In an effort to follow the guiding principle and increase education expertise on the Commission, the number of members appointed by the Governor will increase and the Governor will be removed from the Commission.

Impact on the public:  
The public will be better served by an additional representative with expertise in education.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
The proposed amendment will provide stronger representation from the education field.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.