TITLE: Approval of Suggested Language for Revision to Hawaii Revised Statute

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board recommends the attached language to the Governor to be included in his Legislative Package for consideration by the 2018 Session of the Hawaii Legislature.

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Referred to: Legislative Committee
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

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

SECTION 1. Section 302A-801, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) and (b) to read as follows:

"(a) There is established the Hawaii teacher standards board, which shall be placed within the department for administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of [fifteen] seventeen members, including not less than six licensed teachers regularly engaged in teaching at the time of the appointment, three educational officers employed at the time of the appointment, the chairperson of the board of education or the chairperson's designee, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, a representative of independent schools, the dean of the University of Hawaii college of education or the dean's designee and the chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council or designee; provided that one teacher member shall be engaged in teaching at a Hawaii public charter school at the time of appointment and the dean's
designee shall be chosen from the member institutions of the
teacher education coordinating committee established under
section 304A-1202, and two members of the public. A non-voting
teacher candidate from a Hawaii educator preparation program at
a public institution of higher education on a rotating basis
shall be appointed by the chairperson of the teacher education
coordinating committee to serve a one-year term.

(b) Except for the chairperson of the board of education,
superintendent, [and] dean of the college of education, the
chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Education Council, and the
teacher candidate member, the governor shall appoint the members
of the board pursuant to section 26-34, from a list of qualified
nominees submitted to the governor by the departments, agencies,
education stakeholder groups, and organizations representative
of the constituencies of the board; provided that the governor
may request additional names of qualified nominees from the
departments, agencies, education stakeholder groups, and
organizations representative of the constituencies of the board
at any time. To the extent possible, the board membership shall
reflect a combination of abilities, breadth of experiences, and
characteristics that will best serve the diverse interests and
needs of elementary and secondary school personnel and the
education system in Hawaii from early childhood through higher
education. Such considerations shall include but not be limited
to reflecting the diversity of the student population,
geographical representation, and a broad representation of
education-related stakeholders."

SECTION 2. Section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:

"§302A-805 Teachers; license required; renewals.

[Beginning July 1, 2002, all new licenses shall be issued by the
board.] No person shall serve as a half-time or full-time
teacher in a public school without first having obtained a
license or permit from the board under this subpart. All
licenses and permits issued by the board shall be valid only for
the fields specified on the licenses and permits and shall be
renewable every five years for a standard license and every ten
years for an advanced license if the individual continues to:

(1) Satisfy the board's licensing and permit standards and
submits verification, in a form specified by the
board, that the individual has completed activities
specified by the board in fulfillment of each of the
teacher performance standards established by the
board;

(2) Show evidence of successful teaching in the previous
five years through verification by a supervisor, in a form specified by the board;

(3) Meet the professional fitness requirements established by the board;

(4) Satisfy the board's requirements for renewal of Licenses and permits; and

(5) Pay all applicable license and permit fees in a timely manner. The board shall randomly audit a licensee's or permit holder's compliance with paragraph (1) and may establish rules, pursuant to chapter 91, for the random audits.

No person shall be issued a license or permit or teach on an emergency basis in the public schools without having first paid the fees established by the board in accordance with chapter 91.

The failure to timely renew a license or permit, pay all fees in a timely manner, or comply with any other requirement provided by law or administrative rule shall result in the automatic forfeiture of the license or permit. A person with a forfeited license or permit shall not teach at a public school until that person's license or permit is restored. Restoration of a license shall require compliance with the renewal requirements provided by law or administrative rule and payment of all applicable renewal and late fees. Upon restoration of a
person's license or permit, the person may teach at a public school."

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

SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect July 1, 2018.

INTRODUCED BY: ________________________________

BY REQUEST
Report Title:
Hawaii Teachers Standard Board

Description:
Board membership; Permits

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DEPARTMENT: Education.

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD.

PURPOSE: Increase membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarify that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

MEANS: Amend sections 302A-801 (a) and (b) and section 302A-805, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The addition of a representative from the Native Hawaiian Education Council to the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board will provide insight to teacher preparation and licensure policies that will support the constitutional requirement to support Hawaiian education programs incorporating the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language.

Inclusion of a non-voting teacher candidate member will provide feedback from emerging teachers to improve preparation program policies and procedures.

The addition of "permits" as a requirement clarifies existing requirements that public school teachers must have the appropriate license or permit issued by the board.
to be eligible to serve as a public school teacher.

**Impact on the public:** None.

**Impact on the department and other agencies:** University of Hawaii will be compelled to provide a selected student teacher to participate on the Board.

**GENERAL FUND:** None.

**OTHER FUNDS:** None.

**PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION:**

**OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES:** University of Hawaii.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2018.