

New Business Item 25-03

Introduced August 8, 2025

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TITLE: Permitted Interaction Group for the 2026 Legislative Session

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) approves the formation of a Permitted Interaction Group in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes Section §92-2.5(b)(1). The purpose of this group is to support the Board's legislative priorities for 2026.

The Board will designate the following Board members to serve on the committee. The Board will also designate the Board member who will serve as the chairperson of the committee.

- Dawn Raymond, HTSB Legislative Committee Chairperson
- Dale Matsuura, HTSB Legislative Committee Member
- Kristi Miyamae, HTSB Board Chairperson

The Permitted Interaction Group will be tasked with the following duties:

- a. Track and update the Board on legislative positions for the 2026 session.
- b. Provide testimony that aligns with HTSB's legislative priorities for 2026.
- c. Engage with HTSB staff promptly and address their inquiries regarding the Permitted Interaction Group's position on legislative bills.

Rationale/Background:

Establishing a Legislative Permitted Interaction Group allows focused and efficient discussions on specific issues outside of regular meetings, ensuring that the group can prepare, and advance recommendations or strategies related to legislative priorities without violating the Sunshine Law. This approach helps streamline decision-making and fosters more effective planning and advocacy.

Cost(s) Estimated:

- Virtual Meetings- \$178 per 1 substitute per meeting (meeting during workday)
 - 2 Permitted Interaction Group Members are teachers (\$178 x 2= \$356)
- In-person Meetings \$373 per person (flights, substitutes, meals, parking)
- \$237 additional costs (meeting room and car rental)

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Referred to: Legislative Committee