New Business Item 26-07 Revised
Introduced September 11, 2026
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TITLE: Permitted Interaction Group for the 2027 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 2027.

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.

- Dr. Jonathan Gillentine, HTSB Legislative Committee Chairperson
- Gary Kanamori, HTSB Legislative Committee Member
- Daphne Okunaga, HTSB Legislative Committee Member
- ~~Komarey Moss, HTSB Legislative Committee Member~~

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

a. Track and update the Board on legislative positions for the 2027 session.

b. Provide testimony that aligns with HTSB's legislative priorities for 2027.

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- $186 per 1 substitute (per Bargain Unit 5 member) per meeting (meeting during workday)
- In-person Meetings $187 per person (flights, meals, parking)
- $237 additional costs (meeting room and car rental)

Submitted by: Dr. Jonathan Gillentine

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

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