## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

- The legislature finds that the competency-based 1 SECTION 1. high school diploma program in the department of education is in 2 the process of being eliminated, thereby forcing all students 3 4 who are now in the program to instead seek general education development. The legislature is concerned that this alternative 5 means of attaining a high school diploma will have a negative 6 impact on our communities. The legislature is also concerned 7 8 about the lack of communication from the department of education 9 to the legislature on this issue. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the termination of 10 11 the competency-based high school diploma program. 12 SECTION 2. The department of education shall not terminate, without prior legislative approval, the competency-13 14 based high school diploma program; provided that the department
- 15 may exclude participation in the program by students who are
- 16 less than seventeen years of age.
- 17 SECTION 3. The department of education shall not reduce
- 18 the amounts budgeted or expended for the competency-based high

- 1 school diploma program by any amount that is more than
- 2 proportional to the number of participants being served in the
- 3. program.
- 4 SECTION 4. Any action by the department of education in
- 5 violation of section 2 or 3 of this Act shall be void as against
- 6 public policy.
- 7 SECTION 5. The department of education shall submit a
- 8 status report on the status of the competency-based high school
- 9 diploma program to the legislature no later than twenty days
- 10 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007.
- 11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Education; Competency-Based High School Diploma

## Description:

Prohibits the department of education from eliminating the competency-based high school diploma. Allows prohibition of participation by children under age 17.