
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RUNNING START PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Students and families of underrepresented
2 populations in higher education are often discouraged by the
3 perceived costs of college attendance. Scholarships embedded in
4 a program of college preparation and support can be an effective
5 motivating factor for these students to pursue and attend
6 college.

7 Students often want to enroll in classes other than those
8 on the currently approved department of education list. They
9 should be allowed and, in fact, encouraged to take university
10 courses at the one-hundred level and above and have those
11 classes qualify as credit toward high school graduation.
12 Running start, a joint program of the department of education
13 and the University of Hawaii that was created pursuant to
14 section 302A-401, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is helpful in
15 preparing students of underrepresented populations prepare for
16 college entry. Earning dual credit for both high school and



1 college can provide motivation and preparation that enhance
2 these students' opportunities to attend college.

3 Experience with the running start program has shown that
4 students in underrepresented populations may not be
5 participating in the program because of financial difficulty.
6 It has also shown that there has been some confusion in
7 obtaining dual credit for courses completed at the University of
8 Hawaii.

9 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Require the department of education to provide
11 students who participate in the running start program
12 with guidance to earn credit toward high school
13 graduation for the satisfactory completion of certain
14 University of Hawaii courses; and
15 (2) Increase financial support for families of these
16 students.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§302A- Running start credits. The department of
21 education shall provide students who participate in the running
22 start program with guidance to earn credit toward high school



1 graduation for the satisfactory completion of University of
2 Hawaii courses at the one-hundred level and above in compliance
3 with section 302A-401."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 for fiscal year
6 2007-2008 and the same sum for fiscal year 2008-2009 to be
7 deposited into the University of Hawaii scholarship and
8 assistance special fund.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the University of
10 Hawaii scholarship and assistance special fund the sum of \$1 or
11 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008
12 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
13 fiscal year 2008-2009 to the department of education to grant
14 scholarships to students who are members of underrepresented
15 populations in higher education, as determined by the department
16 of education, to participate in the running start program.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
18 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
21 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,
22 2007.



Report Title:

Running Start Program; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education to provide students who participate in the running start program with guidance to earn credit toward high school graduation for the satisfactory completion of certain University of Hawaii courses. Increases financial support for families of these students by appropriating funds. (HB767 HD1)

