
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLLEGE-CREDIT EQUIVALENCY PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established at the university and the
4 community colleges a college-credit equivalency program. The
5 purpose of this program is to award college credits to students
6 who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the
7 university or at a community college and who have successfully
8 completed, at a high school, business school, trade school,
9 adult education school, or military training program, courses
10 that are equivalent to courses offered for credit in the
11 University of Hawaii system. The program shall also award
12 credits for professional experience gained through service in
13 the United States armed forces. Credits [~~may~~] shall also be
14 awarded for college-level learning gained from work or other
15 life experiences [~~at the discretion of the university~~].

16 (b) The university shall be responsible for the
17 establishment of policies and procedures to administer the



1 program. In this regard, the university, among other things,
2 shall prepare and make public the following:

- 3 (1) The list of the high school, business school, trade
4 school, and adult education school courses for which
5 college credits may be earned;
- 6 (2) The number of credits that may be earned for each
7 course;
- 8 (3) The minimum standards or grades necessary to earn
9 college credits; and
- 10 (4) A learning assessment or other criteria to determine
11 college-level learning gained during service in the
12 United States armed forces[-] or from work or other
13 life experiences."

14 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall submit a report
15 to the legislature detailing:

- 16 (1) The university's progress in establishing policies and
17 procedures for awarding college credit for work or
18 other life experiences pursuant to this Act, including
19 the development and implementation of a learning
20 assessment or other criteria to determine whether and
21 to what extent learning gained from work or other life



1 experiences is commensurate with college-level
2 learning;

- 3 (2) The university's efforts in disseminating information
4 about opportunities to obtain college credit for work
5 or other life experiences pursuant to this Act; and
6 (3) Data on the number of students awarded college credit
7 pursuant to this Act.

8 The report shall be submitted to the legislature no later
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
10 of 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



Report Title:

UH; College-Credit Equivalency Program; Work and Life Experience

Description:

Requires, rather than authorizes, UH to establish policies and procedures for the awarding of credits for college-level learning gained from work or other life experiences, other than military service covered under current law. Requires UH to report to the Legislature on its progress in awarding the college credits. (HB981 HD1)

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