

# SB2783

Measure Title: RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Report Title: Youth Civil Defense Corps; Established

Description: Establishes within DOE the youth civil defense corps. Requires BOE to adopt standards and curriculum for student participation.

Companion: [HB1706](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU/PSM

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STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Committee:** Senate Education Senate Public  
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**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2783 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes within DOE the youth civil defense corps. Requires BOE to adopt standards and curriculum for student participation.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the intent of SB 2783 and offers comments.

The federal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is currently administered by the counties (<https://www.honolulu.gov/demvolunteer/cert.html>). CERT training is free. Youth ages 14-17 may attend with a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, schools may arrange for CERT training for their students. High schools, including Campbell, Farrington, Kapaa, Roosevelt and Waimea, have participated in the CERT program. This program, fully developed and implemented, may be considered in lieu of creating and establishing a new Youth Civil Defense Corps program in the Department.

Should this measure pass, the Department is concerned about the potential cost implications and implementation requirements associated with a new start-up youth civil defense corps program, including but not limited to operations, administration, and lack of qualified personnel and expertise.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2783.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2783  
A BILL RELATING TO EDUCATION

PRESENTATION TO  
THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY  
VERN MIYAGI  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
February 26, 2016

Chairs Kidani and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Espero, and Members of the Senate Committees on Education; and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I am Vern Miyagi, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I support the intent of Senate Bill 2783.

Establishing a youth civil defense corps within the Department of Education would be a part of the State's drive toward community resilience. Course curriculum could run from having students learn about personal evacuation kits to how emergency management agencies work.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of the intent of Senate Bill 2783.

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BY  
BY MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
February 26, 2016

Chairs Kidani and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Espero, and Members of the Senate Committees on Education; and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I support the intent of Senate Bill 2783.

This measure establishes youth civil defense corps within the Department of Education. The proposed organization would be a way to introduce emergency management and resilience to high school students.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of the intent of Senate Bill 2783.

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**SB2783**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a student at Kapi'olani Community College, and the older I get the more I realize how important a well-rounded education is. This amendment to H.R.S. §302A is an honorable addition. The more you involve youths in the community, the more they learn they are an important part of it. This new high school graduation requirement will teach up-and-coming generations about responsibility and commitment, which will lead them to having a sense of pride in themselves and their communities. Education shouldn't just be about learning fundamentals, it should be a complete tool on how to become an adult. This amendment will add depth in the development of Hawaii's youth.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Jacqueline Furukawa