A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sexuality health 2 education promotes healthy attitudes toward adolescent growth and development, body image, gender and sexuality, dating, 3 relationships, and family. The legislature also finds that 4 sexuality health education should positively affect adolescent 5 behavior and provide teens with the information, skills, and 6 support needed to develop positive values, make healthy 7 decisions, and respect the important role that sexuality plays 8 9 throughout a person's life.

The legislature further finds that, over the past few 10 years, several states, including Hawaii, have enacted laws that 11 require school districts that teach sexuality health education 12 to include age-appropriate and medically accurate health 13 The legislature also finds, however, that the 14 education. effectiveness of sexuality health education in Hawaii's schools 15 16 could be bolstered by providing clearer guidance on a comprehensive approach to sexuality health education, greater 17



1	flexibility in the implementation of the curricula, and greater		
2	public access to the curricula.		
3	The purpose of this Act is to:		
4	(1) Add specific requirements to Hawaii's existing		
5	sexuality health education law;		
6	(2) Require the board of education and department of		
7	education to collaborate to develop, maintain, and		
8	make available to the public a list of sexuality		
9	health education curricula; and		
10	(3) Allow parents to request that their children not		
11	receive the sexuality health education provided		
12	pursuant to Hawaii's sexuality health education law.		
13	SECTION 2. Section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
14	amended to read as follows:		
15	"[+]§321-11.1[+] Medically accurate sexuality health		
16	education. (a) Sexuality health education programs funded by		
17	the State shall provide medically accurate and factual		
18	information that [is]:		
19	(1) Is age appropriate [and includes];		
20	(2) Includes education on abstinence, contraception, and		
21	methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended		



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1		pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including
2		human immunodeficiency virus[-];
3	(3)	Helps students develop relationships and communication
4		skills to form healthy relationships that are based on
5		mutual respect and affection and are free from
6		violence, coercion, and intimidation;
7	(4)	Helps students develop skills in critical thinking,
8		problem solving, decision making, and stress
9		management to make healthy decisions about sexuality

- 10 and relationships; and
- (5) Encourages students to communicate with their parents, 11
- guardians, and other trusted adults about sexuality 12 13 and intimate relations.
- (b) At a teacher's discretion, the teacher may answer in 14
- good faith any question initiated by a student or students that 15
- 16 is reasonably related to and consistent with the material of a
- 17 course provided pursuant to subsection (a).
- (c) The department of education may eliminate or modify 18 components of instruction required under subsection (a)(2) in 19
- 20 elementary school for reasons of age appropriateness.



1	(d) Sexuality health education provided pursuant to this
2	section shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race,
3	ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual
4	orientation, or gender identity.
5	(e) The board of education shall collaborate with the
6	department of education to develop, maintain, and make available
7	to the public a current list of sexuality health education
8	curricula that are consistent with the requirements of this
9	section.
10	(f) A student shall be excused from any part of the
11	instruction provided pursuant to this section only upon the
12	written request of the student's parent or legal guardian. A
13	student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic
14	penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent or legal
15	guardian requests that the student not receive the instruction
16	provided under this section.
17	(g) The department of education shall establish minimum
18	education and training qualifications for sexuality health
19	education teachers.

20 [(b)] (h) For the purposes of this section:



"Age appropriate" means suitable to a particular age or age
 group based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral
 capacity typical for that age or age group.

Factual information" means medical, psychiatric,
psychological, empirical, or statistical information that is
verified or supported by research conducted by recognized
medical, psychiatric, psychological, and public health
professionals or organizations.

9 "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific 10 11 methods and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, 12 such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13 the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of 14 15 Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and 16 Gynecologists.

17 "Sexuality health education" means education in any medium
18 regarding human development and sexuality, including education
19 on pregnancy, family planning, and sexually transmitted
20 diseases."

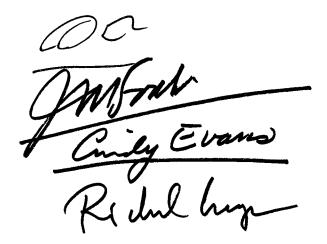


SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Comprehensive Sexuality Health Education

Description:

Adds specific requirements to Hawaii's existing sexuality health education law. Requires the BOE and DOE to collaborate to provide curricula information to the public. Requires students to be excused from the provided instruction upon written request by a parent or guardian.

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