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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 226-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) To achieve the education objective, it shall be the
4 policy of this State to:

5 (1) Support educational programs and activities that
6 enhance personal development, physical fitness,
7 recreation, and cultural pursuits of all groups.

8 (2) Ensure the provision of adequate and accessible
9 educational services and facilities that are designed
10 to meet individual and community needs.

11 (3) Provide appropriate educational opportunities for
12 groups with special needs.

13 (4) Promote educational programs which enhance
14 understanding of Hawaii's cultural heritage.

15 (5) Provide higher educational opportunities that enable
16 Hawaii's people to adapt to changing employment
17 demands.



- 1 (6) Assist individuals, especially those experiencing
- 2 critical employment problems or barriers, or
- 3 undergoing employment transitions, by providing
- 4 appropriate employment training programs and other
- 5 related educational opportunities.
- 6 (7) Promote programs and activities that facilitate the
- 7 acquisition of basic skills, such as reading, writing,
- 8 computing, listening, speaking, and reasoning.
- 9 (8) Emphasize quality educational programs in Hawaii's
- 10 institutions to promote academic excellence.
- 11 (9) Support research programs and activities that enhance
- 12 the education programs of the State.
- 13 (10) Promote civics learning in the K-12 curriculum."

14 SECTION 2. Section 226-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§226-107 Quality education.** Priority guidelines to
17 promote quality education:

- 18 (1) Pursue effective programs which reflect the varied
- 19 district, school, and student needs to strengthen
- 20 basic skills achievement;



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- 1 (2) Continue emphasis on general education "core"
2 requirements to provide common background to students
3 and essential support to other university programs;
- 4 (3) Initiate efforts to improve the quality of education
5 by improving the capabilities of the education
6 workforce;
- 7 (4) Promote increased opportunities for greater autonomy
8 and flexibility of educational institutions in their
9 decision-making responsibilities;
- 10 (5) Increase and improve the use of information technology
11 in education by the availability of telecommunications
12 equipment for:
- 13 (A) The electronic exchange of information;
- 14 (B) Statewide electronic mail; and
- 15 (C) Access to the Internet.
- 16 Encourage programs that increase the public's
17 awareness and understanding of the impact of
18 information technologies on our lives;
- 19 (6) Pursue the establishment of Hawaii's public and
20 private universities and colleges as research and
21 training centers of the Pacific;



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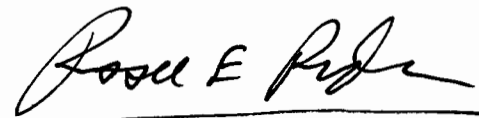



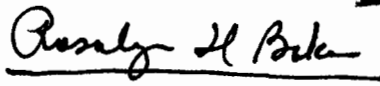


- 1 (7) Develop resources and programs for early childhood
- 2 education;
- 3 (8) Explore alternatives for funding and delivery of
- 4 educational services to improve the overall quality of
- 5 education; [and]
- 6 (9) Strengthen and expand educational programs and
- 7 services for students with special needs[-]; and
- 8 (10) Develop resources and programs for civic education in
- 9 the K-12 curriculum."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

State Planning; K-12 Curriculum; Civic Education

Description:

Adds the promotion of civics learning in the K-12 curriculum to the education objective and policies for sociocultural advancement. Adds the development of resources and programs for civic education in the K-12 curriculum as a priority guideline to promote quality education.

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