
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing sexual
2 education standards within secondary schools in the State are
3 not providing students with the knowledge and tools necessary to
4 make responsible, informed, and empowered choices about their
5 sexuality, gender, relationships, and sexual and reproductive
6 health.

7 The legislature further finds that the current emphasis on
8 abstinence and problem-focused language offered in Hawaii
9 schools can contribute to ongoing stigmatization of sexual
10 health topics. Comprehensive sex education that covers forms of
11 sexual expression, healthy sexual and non-sexual relationships,
12 diverse identities across gender and culture, sexual
13 orientation, and consent is vital to ensuring that students feel
14 safe and empowered to learn, ask questions, and make positive
15 choices for themselves. For the foregoing reasons, a broader,
16 more comprehensive sex education program should be provided to
17 secondary school students. Providing this type of comprehensive



1 sex education program was the top priority for student
2 participants in the 2021 Hawaii Children and Youth Summit.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Require the department of education to provide
5 comprehensive training for teachers and educational
6 officers on sexual health topics that include positive
7 and accurate representations of the lesbian, gay,
8 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex,
9 asexual, other sexual orientations and gender
10 identities, persons of color, and disability
11 communities to destigmatize and promote sexual health;
12 and

13 (2) Require sexual health education programs to include
14 similar sexual health topics to destigmatize and
15 promote sexual health.

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

19 "§302A- Sexual health education; training. (a) The
20 department shall offer comprehensive training for teachers and
21 educational officers on sexual health topics that include



1 positive and accurate representations of the lesbian, gay,
2 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual,
3 other sexual orientations and gender identities, persons of
4 color, and disability communities to destigmatize and promote
5 sexual health.

6 (b) The department may coordinate and contract with any
7 state or county department or agency or any other expert in the
8 field of sexual health education and response to implement this
9 section."

10 SECTION 3. Section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Sexuality health education programs funded by the
13 State shall [~~provide~~]:

14 (1) Provide medically accurate and factual information
15 that is age appropriate and includes education on
16 abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease
17 prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and
18 sexually transmitted disease, including human
19 immunodeficiency virus[~~-~~]; and

20 (2) Include sexual health topics that include positive and
21 accurate representations of the lesbian, gay,



1 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex,
2 asexual, other sexual orientations and gender
3 identities, persons of color, and disability
4 communities to destigmatize and promote sexual
5 health."

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Sexual Health; Training; Education

Description:

Requires DOE to provide comprehensive training for teachers and educational officers on sexual health topics that include positive and accurate representations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, other sexual orientations and gender identities, persons of color, and disability communities to destigmatize and promote sexual health. Requires sexual health education programs to include similar sexual health topics to destigmatize and promote sexual health. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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