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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, and other sexual orientations and gender
10 identities and persons of color communities to
11 destigmatize and promote sexual health; and
- 12 (2) Require sexual health programs to include similar
13 sexual health topics to destigmatize and promote
14 sexual health.

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

18 "§302A- Sexual health education; training. (a) The
19 department shall offer comprehensive training for teachers and
20 educational officers on sexual health topics that include
21 positive and accurate representations of the lesbian, gay,



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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) Include sexual health topics that include positive and
19 accurate representations of the lesbian, gay,
20 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex,
21 asexual, and other sexual orientations and gender



1 identities and persons of color communities to
2 destigmatize and promote sexual health."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Sexual Health; Training; Education

Description:

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