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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1342

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 13, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 13, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2614, H.D. 2

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
ACT 240

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 13 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 240
S.B. NO. 2614
H.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 124, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 124), authorized the department of
3 education to award high school diplomas to qualified persons who
4 did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory
5 induction into active service in the armed services of the
6 United States or any person whose high school education was
7 interrupted due to wartime practices, such as internment during
8 World War II, until Act 124 repealed on June 30, 2020.

9 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
10 education to award high school diplomas to qualified persons who
11 did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory
12 or voluntary induction into active service in the armed services
13 of the United States or whose high school education was
14 interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the
15 Korean War, or the Vietnam War.



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

"§302A- High school diploma for armed services veterans and other qualified persons. (a) The department may establish a program to award a high school diploma to any qualified person who:

(1) Did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into active service in the armed services of the United States during

World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War; or

(2) Did not receive a high school diploma and whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

(b) A qualified person seeking a high school diploma shall submit information establishing eligibility for the award of a high school diploma pursuant to subsection (a) to the department on forms prescribed by the department.

(c) As used in this section, a "qualified person" means any individual who:



1 (1) Was a resident of the Territory or State of Hawaii and
2 was compulsorily or voluntarily inducted into the
3 armed services of the United States or whose high
4 school education was interrupted between:

5 (A) December 1, 1941, and September 2, 1945;

6 (B) June 1, 1950, and July 31, 1953; or

7 (C) August 1, 1964, and January 31, 1973;

8 while enrolled in a high school in the Territory or
9 State of Hawaii; and

10 (2) Did not complete a high school curriculum and receive
11 a high school diploma."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 2614
H.D. 2

APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2026

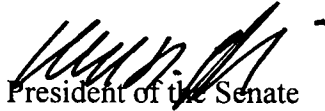
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 9, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives