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# 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, until June 30,  
2       2020, section 302A-431.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorized  
3       the department of education to award high school diplomas to  
4       qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a  
5       result of compulsory induction into active service in the armed  
6       services of the United States, or any person whose high school  
7       education was interrupted due to wartime practices such as  
8       internment during World War II.

9       The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of  
10      education to award a high school diploma to a qualified person  
11      who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of  
12      compulsory or voluntary induction into active service in the  
13      armed services of the United States or whose high school  
14      education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World  
15      War II, the 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; armed services veterans and other qualified persons.** (a) The department is authorized to 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) For purposes of this section, a "qualified person" means any individual who:



1        (1) Was enrolled in a high school in the State or the  
2        Territory of Hawaii between:

3        (A) December 1, 1941, and August 30, 1945;

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

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

6        (2) Was compulsorily or voluntarily inducted into the  
7        armed services of the United States or whose high  
8        school education was interrupted; and

9        (3) Did not complete a high school curriculum and receive  
10       a high school diploma."

11       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DOE; Veterans; High School Diploma

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the armed services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Effective 7/1/3000.  
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