

A Bill for an Act Relating to Sex Bias in Schools.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 296, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to read:

“PART IV. SEX BIAS

Sec. 296-60 Findings and declaration of necessity. The legislature finds that:

(a) The ideal of equal access to education in our public school system cannot be achieved when our students are required to assume stereotyped sexual roles. Under this sterile system, female students have been channeled into courses like homemaking or into career choices such as teaching or nursing or into extracurricular activities such as cheerleading. The male students have been expected to take shop or to select career choices such as law or engineering or to participate in sports.

(b) One of the striking trends of recent times has been the participation of women and men in activities, professions, and life styles that were previously considered to be the exclusive province of one particular sex. Our education system must reflect those changes. Curricular and extracurricular activities in our schools must be accessible to all students. It should be the goal of our public schools to allow each individual to develop his or her particular talents or interests.

Sec. 296-61 Student bias. No person in the State of Hawaii shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational or recreational program or activity receiving State or County financial assistance or utilizing State or County facilities.”

SECTION 2. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 5, 1976.)

*Edited accordingly.