

ACT 226

S.B. NO. 2716

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that statutory provisions relating to higher education and the University of Hawaii need to be examined and recodified to promote quality higher education and integrate recent higher education policy changes. Accordingly, this Act:

- (1) Establishes the higher education statutory analysis interim study group to analyze statutory provisions relating to higher education and the University of Hawaii; and
- (2) Requires the study group to suggest an improved organizational framework for these provisions, recommending statutes for consolidation, amendment, or repeal.

SECTION 2. There is established as a legislative study group exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the higher education statutory analysis interim study group to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

The study group shall specifically review and analyze chapters 304, 304D, 305, 305A, 305H, 306, 307, 308, and 309, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as well as all other statutes identified by the study group as relevant to the recodification process.

The chairs of the house committee on higher education and the senate committee on education shall serve as co-chairs of the study group. Members of the study group shall include:

- (1) The chair of the University of Hawaii board of regents or the chair's designee;
- (2) The president of the University of Hawaii or the president's designee; and
- (3) To be jointly appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate:
 - (A) At least one faculty member of the University of Hawaii;
 - (B) At least one University of Hawaii student; and
 - (C) Any other individuals deemed to have appropriate expertise and experience.

The study group shall analyze statutory provisions relating to higher education and the University of Hawaii and make recommendations to:

- (1) Improve the organizational framework for relevant statutes;
- (2) Update and clarify the statutory provisions identified in paragraph (1), including suggestions for consolidation, amendment, or repeal; and
- (3) Provide consistency and clarity for draft statutory provisions.

The legislative reference bureau shall provide technical assistance to the study group, to ensure clarity and conformance with proper statutory construction.

The study group shall submit its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the regular session of 2005.

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

(Became law on July 13, 2004, without the Governor's signature, pursuant to Art III, §16, State Constitution.)