

ACT 156

S.B. NO. 239

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“PART . SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CONFERENCE

§302A- Purpose. The purpose of this part is to provide for the establishment of an annual conference of secondary school students, which will enable students in the State’s secondary schools to identify, discuss, and arrive at recommended solutions to major youth problems, with emphasis on school problems that require attention and joint action by the students, the department, and the legislature. The conference format shall be recommended by the student conference committee, under the guidance of the student conference advisory committee.

§302A- Student conference committee. There is created a student conference committee composed of sixteen secondary school students. There shall be two students from each of the seven local school districts, who shall be selected by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, and two students from schools represented by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, who shall be selected by a representative of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

§302A- Duties of the student conference committee. It shall be the duty of the student conference committee, under the guidance of the student conference advisory committee, to:

- (1) Plan and coordinate all phases of the annual conference of secondary school students;
- (2) Set the theme, scope, and format of the conference;
- (3) Set the agenda of the conference;
- (4) Determine the number of participants;
- (5) Plan and provide for food, lodging, and the transportation of all participants;
- (6) Evaluate the worth and effectiveness of the conference; and
- (7) Consider and act on any other matter relevant to or necessary to effectuate the purpose of this part.

§302A- Student conference advisory committee. There is created a student conference advisory committee to assist and advise the student conference committee in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the annual conference of secondary school students. The department shall maintain guidelines and procedures for the establishment of the student conference advisory committee.

§302A- Annual conference. The annual conference of secondary school students shall be held once each school year, subject to program and funding limitations.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 317, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

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

(Approved June 21, 2013.)