
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. In July 2001, then Surgeon General David Satcher
2 released a report entitled "Call to Action to Promote Sexual
3 Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior." Citing research
4 findings on the effectiveness of various program interventions,
5 the Satcher report stressed the importance of information on sex
6 that balances encouragement of abstinence for young people with
7 ensuring "awareness of optimal protection from sexually
8 transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy, for those who are
9 sexually active."

10 "Healthy People 2010," a set of official goals for improved
11 public health drafted by the United States Department of Health
12 and Human Services, also emphasizes the need to reduce teenage
13 pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease (STD) rates, in part,
14 through comprehensive sex information programs.

15 The state department of health, to help Hawaii youth make
16 decisions that promote healthy behaviors, informs youth that
17 abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most
18 responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies and STDs.



1 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that any instruction,
2 counseling, or information relating to sex shall be medically
3 accurate, factually based, and objective.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§321- Medically accurate sex information. (a) Any
8 recipient of state or federal funding that provides information
9 or offers programs regarding sex, family planning, pregnancy
10 counseling, or sexually transmitted diseases shall not provide
11 factual information that is not medically accurate. Any factual
12 information the recipient provides shall:

13 (1) Be age-appropriate; and
14 (2) Include information on both abstinence and
15 contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and
16 sexually transmitted diseases, including human
17 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency
18 syndrome.

19 (b) For the purposes of this section:

20 "Factual information" includes but is not limited to
21 medical, psychiatric, psychological, empirical, and statistical
22 statements.



1 "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by
2 research conducted in compliance with scientific methods,
3 published in peer-reviewed journals where appropriate, and
4 recognized as accurate and objective by professional
5 organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field,
6 such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
7 and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2096.



Report Title:

Medically Accurate Sex Information

Description:

Prohibits recipients of state or federal funding that provide information or offer programs regarding sex information from providing factual information that is not medically accurate; factual information must be age-appropriate and must include information on both abstinence and contraception. (HB2060 HD2)

