
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Community service is an excellent way to train
2 students for citizenship by engaging them in active civic
3 participation. Community service is a way to explore careers
4 and gain work skills. All students benefit from the lessons
5 learned through such service, and mandating community service
6 reaches students who may not otherwise participate. Community
7 service requirements help public schools align with standards.
8 Active participation of young adults in service activities is
9 necessary to achieve a truly healthy community. The purposes of
10 community service include:

- 11 (1) The psychological and social development of students;
12 (2) The intellectual and academic benefits to students;
13 (3) Civic education; and
14 (4) Community benefits.

15 The purpose of this Act is to establish community service
16 as a graduation requirement for public high school students.

17 SECTION 2. The department of education shall:



- 1 (1) With the support and assistance of community
2 organizations and businesses, recommend that each high
3 school's career guidance program shall assist in
4 finding service opportunities for students and shall
5 update their information regularly;
- 6 (2) Create a system to monitor the progress of each
7 student's community service hours and include an
8 opportunity for personal reflection to help the
9 student gain a perspective about their role in their
10 community through service;
- 11 (3) Mandate that students perform thirty hours of service
12 each high school year, for a total of one hundred
13 twenty hours of service which shall be equivalent to
14 one elective credit;
- 15 (4) Recommend that student community service shall not be
16 completed during the school day as school attendance
17 is required to ensure student success in academic
18 courses;
- 19 (5) Recommend that community service be performed with an
20 organization or business that has been inspected by a
21 certified workplace safety inspector and that a



1 counselor has prepared the student for community
2 service; and

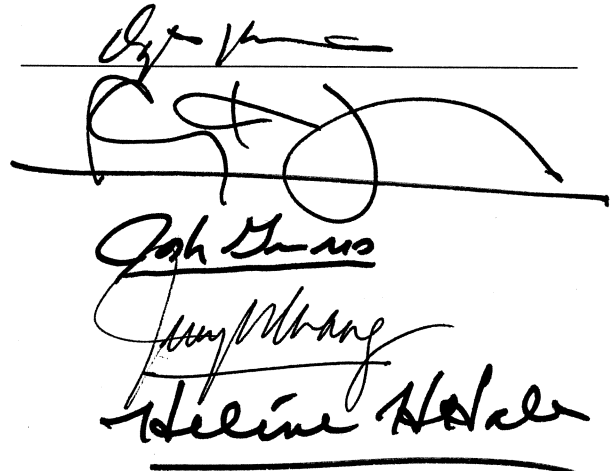
3 (6) Each student shall have a community service site
4 supervisor who shall submit an evaluation of the
5 student's community service experience.

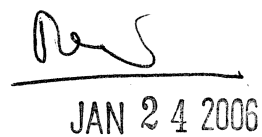
6 SECTION 3. No appropriations shall be made to implement
7 this Act, and each public high school shall select a service
8 coordinator to assist students to and keep community service
9 records.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval;
11 provided that sections 2 and 3 shall take effect with the 2007-
12 2008 school year.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Required Community Service

Description:

Requires the department of education to include community service as a graduation requirement for public high schools.

