
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMICS EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . MANDATORY ECONOMICS TRAINING**

5 **§201-A Applicability of part.** This part applies to
6 legislators, elected members of the board of education, trustees
7 of the office of Hawaiian affairs, the governor, the lieutenant
8 governor, and executive department heads and deputies. This
9 part does not apply to any other officer or employee of the
10 State.

11 **§201-B Mandatory economics education course.** All state
12 officers and employees enumerated in section 201-A shall
13 complete an economics education course administered by the
14 department of business, economic development, and tourism as
15 provided in this part.

16 **§201-C Economics education course.** (a) The department of
17 business, economic development, and tourism shall establish,
18 design, supervise, and conduct economics education training



1 specifically for the officers and employees to whom this part
2 applies.

3 (b) The economics education course shall include:

4 (1) A survey of the basic concepts used to analyze
5 economic questions;

6 (2) An examination of the major economic systems with
7 emphasis on implications for resource allocation,
8 income distribution, and economic growth;

9 (3) An analysis of the process of government decision-
10 making and of the effects of governmental budgetary
11 decisions, particularly tax decisions, on individual
12 and business choices; and

13 (4) An analysis of approaches to current economic problems
14 such as tax policy, budgetary deficits, monetary
15 policy, social security, productivity, wage and price
16 controls, and business regulation.

17 The department of business, economic development, and tourism
18 shall develop and prepare any materials necessary to implement
19 the course.

20 (c) The department of business, economic development, and
21 tourism shall:

22 (1) Administer the economics education course;



1 (2) Designate those of its staff who are to conduct the
2 economics education course; and

3 (3) Notify each officer or employee enumerated in section
4 201-A that attendance in this course is mandatory.

5 (d) The economics education course shall be held in
6 January of each year for those who have not attended the course
7 previously. The course shall last at least hours in
8 length.

9 (e) The department of business, economic development, and
10 tourism may repeat the course as necessary to accommodate all
11 persons who are required to attend.

12 (f) Each state agency shall provide to the department of
13 business, economic development, and tourism the names of those
14 required to take the course in a timely manner and assist the
15 commission by providing adequate meeting facilities for the
16 economics education course."

17 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section
18 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
19 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
20 the new sections in this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Mandatory Economics Course; Elected Officials and Cabinet

Description:

Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to establish and conduct an economics education course for state elected officials and other state officers.

