
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RUNNING START PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Students and families of underrepresented
2 populations in higher education are often discouraged by the
3 perceived costs of college attendance. Scholarships embedded in
4 a program of college preparation and support can be an effective
5 motivating factor for these students to pursue and attend
6 college.

7 High school students often want to enroll in classes other
8 than those on the currently approved department of education
9 list. They should be allowed and, in fact, encouraged to take
10 university courses at the one-hundred level and above and have
11 those classes qualify as credit toward high school graduation.
12 Running start, a joint program of the department of education
13 and the University of Hawaii that was created pursuant to
14 section 302A-401, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is helpful in
15 preparing students of underrepresented populations for college
16 entry. Earning dual credit for both high school and college can



1 provide motivation and preparation that enhance these students'
2 opportunities to attend college.

3 Experience with the running start program has shown that
4 students in underrepresented populations may not be
5 participating in the program because of financial difficulty.
6 Experience has also shown that there has been some confusion
7 about obtaining dual credit for courses completed at the
8 University of Hawaii.

9 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Require the department of education to provide
11 students who participate in the running start program
12 with guidance in earning credit toward high school
13 graduation upon the satisfactory completion of certain
14 University of Hawaii courses; and
15 (2) Increase financial support for the families of these
16 students.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§302A- Running start credits. The department of
21 education shall provide students who participate in the running
22 start program with guidance in earning credit toward high school



1 graduation upon the satisfactory completion of University of
2 Hawaii courses at the one-hundred level and above pursuant to
3 section 302A-401."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 for fiscal year
6 2007-2008 and the same sum for fiscal year 2008-2009 to be
7 deposited into the University of Hawaii scholarship and
8 assistance special fund.

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the University of
10 Hawaii scholarship and assistance special fund the sum of \$1 or
11 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008
12 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
13 fiscal year 2008-2009 to provide scholarships to students who
14 are members of underrepresented populations in higher education,
15 as determined by the University of Hawaii, to participate in the
16 running start program.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
18 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
21 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,
22 2020.



Report Title:

Running Start Program; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education to provide students who participate in the running start program with guidance in earning credit toward high school graduation upon the satisfactory completion of certain University of Hawaii courses. Increases financial support for families of these students by appropriating funds. (HB767 HD2)

