

JAN 19 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that empowering children
2 with knowledge is the most effective way to keep our communities
3 healthy for the long-term. Teaching healthy eating habits is
4 essential to addressing the increasing rates of obesity in our
5 children. Teaching children how to grow their own food and how
6 to prepare it in a healthy way will enable them to adopt healthy
7 eating habits and maintain a healthy lifestyle through
8 adulthood.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish an agricultural and
10 culinary education pilot program that teaches students healthy
11 eating habits and encourages the culinary arts, farming,
12 diversified agriculture, and related industries such as market
13 development and science and technology, as long-term career
14 goals.

15 SECTION 2. Section 302A-431.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 " [f]§302A-431.7 [f] Vocational agriculture education
2 **program.** (a) The department shall establish and administer a
3 vocational agriculture education program. The program shall
4 include adequate staffing of individuals trained or experienced
5 in the field of vocational agriculture to coordinate the program
6 and to provide assistance to school districts for the
7 coordination of the activities of student agricultural
8 organizations and associations.

9 (b) The vocational agriculture education program shall be
10 administered by a director who shall:

11 (1) Assess the agricultural needs of the State and devise
12 methods of meeting those needs with the vocational
13 agriculture education program;

14 (2) Assist school districts in establishing vocational
15 agriculture programs;

16 (3) Review school district applications for approval of
17 vocational agriculture programs;

18 (4) Evaluate existing programs;

19 (5) Plan research and studies for the improvement of
20 curriculum materials for specialty areas of vocational
21 agriculture;



- 1 (6) Ensure that the standards and criteria developed under
2 this section satisfy the mandates of federally-
3 assisted vocational education;
- 4 (7) Develop in-service programs for teachers and
5 administrators of vocational agriculture;
- 6 (8) Review applications for vocational agriculture teacher
7 certification;
- 8 (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in
9 vocational agriculture programs;
- 10 (10) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,
11 representatives of business, industry, appropriate
12 public agencies, and institutions of higher education
13 to facilitate dissemination of information;
- 14 (11) Promote improvement of vocational agriculture
15 programs;
- 16 (12) Assist in the development of adult and continuing
17 education programs in vocational agriculture; [and]
- 18 (13) Establish an advisory task force of agriculturists,
19 who represent the diverse areas of the agricultural
20 industry in the State, that shall make annual
21 recommendations on the development of curriculum,
22 staffing, and strategies to establish a source of



1 trained and qualified individuals in agriculture and
2 strategies for developing the state program in
3 vocational agriculture education, including youth
4 leadership throughout the public schools[~~-~~]; and

5 (14) Assist in the administration of the agricultural and
6 culinary education pilot program.

7 (c) The department shall establish and administer an
8 agricultural and culinary education pilot program that
9 integrates culinary arts with the school lunch program and the
10 vocational agriculture education program to teach students
11 healthy eating habits and encourage culinary arts, farming,
12 diversified agriculture, and related industries such as market
13 development and science and technology as a career options. The
14 department of agriculture shall assist the department of
15 education with the implementation of this pilot program.

16 [~~e~~] (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to
17 chapter 91 to effectuate this section."

18 SECTION 3. The department of education shall submit a
19 report to the legislature evaluating the agricultural and
20 culinary education pilot program no later than twenty days prior
21 to the convening of each regular legislative session in which
22 the program is administered.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 4 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 5 year 2008-2009, for the establishment and administration of the
 6 agricultural and culinary education pilot program.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 8 of education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 12 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2007; and
 13 provided further that this Act shall be repealed on July 1,
 14 2012, and section 302A-431.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 15 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the
 16 approval of this Act.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Agricultural and Culinary Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes an agricultural and culinary education pilot program to encourage farming, diversified agriculture, and related industries as long-term career goals, teach students healthy eating habits, and address Hawaii's long-term food sustainability needs. Makes appropriations. Sunsets in 2012.

