
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 Hawaii's desire for
2 economic growth to benefit all residents depends on enhancing
3 the state's human resources.

4 Providing students with the specific skills needed for job
5 entry and broad, transferable skills that help students to
6 obtain employment in other fields is an integral part of
7 developing these human resources.

8 Career technical education that includes:

- 9 (1) Pathway study programs such as graphic design,
10 computer networking, and management information
11 systems;
- 12 (2) Academics for various focuses of study, including the
13 performing arts; health and human services; science,
14 technology, engineering, and math; and construction
15 academies; and
- 16 (3) School activities such as project EAST (environmental
17 and spatial technology) and robotics;



1 are important in assisting Hawaii's students in gaining the
2 necessary skills required to compete in the global economy.

3 The legislature further finds that with the decline of the
4 sugar and pineapple industries in Hawaii, agricultural lands are
5 evolving into small diversified agricultural farms. Further,
6 with the demand for landscaping by many public and private
7 businesses, the landscaping industry is purportedly as large as
8 the diversified agriculture industry in Hawaii. The legislature
9 further finds that the need for agricultural workers, including
10 landscaping and other agriculture industry-related workers, runs
11 the gamut in terms of skill level. There is a critical need for
12 government support to establish an educational infrastructure
13 that prepares students for work in the agriculture and
14 agriculture-related industries. Appropriate programs would
15 assist in preparing and guiding students who are otherwise
16 unlikely to pursue higher education into jobs that are in
17 demand.

18 The purpose of this Act is to:

19 (1) Support and enhance the career and technical education
20 efforts of both the department of education and
21 University of Hawaii system, as well as other public



1 and private business efforts, to prepare Hawaii's
2 students for further education and employment; and
3 (2) Broaden the agriculture education program of the
4 department of education to offer educational
5 opportunities in the fields of farming, diversified
6 agriculture, culinary arts, landscaping, and related
7 industries such as market development and science and
8 technology.

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

11 " ~~[f]§302A-431.7 [j]—Vocational agriculture~~ **Agriculture**
12 **education program.** (a) The department shall establish and
13 administer a ~~[vocational]~~ comprehensive agriculture education
14 program. The agriculture education program shall include
15 adequate staffing of individuals trained or experienced in the
16 field of ~~[vocational]~~ agriculture to coordinate the program and
17 to provide assistance to school ~~[districts]~~ complexes for the
18 coordination of the activities of related student ~~[agricultural]~~
19 organizations and associations.

20 (b) The ~~[vocational]~~ agriculture education program shall
21 be administered by a director who shall:



- 1 (1) Assess the agricultural needs of the State and devise
2 methods of meeting those needs with the [~~vocational~~]
3 agriculture education program;
- 4 (2) Assist school districts in establishing [~~vocational~~]
5 agriculture programs;
- 6 (3) Review school district applications for approval of
7 [~~vocational~~] agriculture programs;
- 8 (4) Evaluate existing programs[+] and design complementary
9 programs;
- 10 (5) Plan research and studies for the improvement of
11 curriculum materials for specialty areas of
12 [~~vocational~~] agriculture[+], including aquaculture and
13 incumbent worker training;
- 14 (6) Ensure that the standards and criteria developed under
15 this section satisfy the mandates of federally-
16 assisted [~~vocational~~] career and technical education;
- 17 (7) Develop in-service programs for teachers and
18 administrators of [~~vocational~~] agriculture;
- 19 (8) Review applications for [~~vocational~~] agriculture
20 teacher certification;
- 21 (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in
22 [~~vocational~~] agriculture programs;



- 1 (10) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,
2 representatives of business, industry, appropriate
3 public agencies, and institutions of higher education
4 to facilitate dissemination of information;
- 5 (11) Promote improvement of [~~vocational~~] agriculture
6 programs;
- 7 (12) Assist in the development of adult [~~and~~], continuing
8 education, and college-level education programs in
9 [~~vocational~~] agriculture; and
- 10 [~~(13) Establish an advisory task force of agriculturists,~~
11 ~~who represent the diverse areas of the agricultural~~
12 ~~industry in the State, that shall make annual~~
13 ~~recommendations on the development of curriculum,~~
14 ~~staffing, and strategies to establish a source of~~
15 ~~trained and qualified individuals in agriculture and~~
16 ~~strategies for developing the state program in~~
17 ~~vocational agriculture education, including youth~~
18 ~~leadership throughout the public schools.]~~
- 19 (13) Assist in the administration of the agricultural and
20 culinary education program established in subsection
21 (c).



1 (c) The department shall establish and administer an
2 agricultural and culinary education program that integrates
3 culinary arts with the school lunch program and the agriculture
4 education program to teach students healthy eating habits and
5 encourage culinary arts, farming, diversified agriculture, and
6 related industries such as market development and science and
7 technology as career options. The department of agriculture
8 shall assist the department with the implementation of this
9 program.

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

12 (e) For purposes of this section, "agriculture" or
13 "agricultural" includes the fields of farming, diversified
14 agriculture, landscaping, aquaculture, culinary arts, and
15 related industries such as market development and science and
16 technology."

17 SECTION 3. The department of education shall consult with
18 the department of agriculture, the University of Hawaii's
19 college of tropical agriculture and human resources, and college
20 of education in the development and implementation of the
21 agriculture education program established under this Act.



1 SECTION 4. The department of education shall submit a
2 report to the legislature regarding:

3 (1) Its activities and any requests for funding to further
4 implement the agriculture education program; and

5 (2) Its development and implementation of the agricultural
6 and culinary education program,

7 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
8 sessions of 2008 and 2009.

9 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
12 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2008-2009, to support and maintain a comprehensive agriculture
14 education program in the public schools as provided in section 2
15 of this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of education for the purposes of section 2 of this Act.

18 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
21 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22 year 2008-2009, for the establishment and administration of the



1 agricultural and culinary education program as provided in this
2 Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of education for the purposes of establishing and administering
5 the agricultural and culinary education program pursuant to
6 section 2 of this Act.

7 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
10 provided that sections 5 and 6 shall take effect on July 1,
11 2007.



Report Title:

Education; Agricultural and Culinary Program

Description:

Expands the scope of the Agriculture Education Program in the public schools and establish the Agricultural and Culinary Education Program to grow a qualified workforce for the agriculture, culinary arts, and related industries, teach students healthy eating habits, and address Hawaii's long-term food sustainability needs. Appropriates funds. (SB885 HD1)

