
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 legislature further finds that with the decline of the
10 sugar and pineapple industries in Hawaii, agricultural lands are
11 evolving into small diversified agricultural farms. Further,
12 with the demand for landscaping by many public and private
13 businesses, the landscaping industry is purportedly as large as
14 the diversified agriculture industry in Hawaii. The legislature
15 finds that the need for agricultural and landscaping workers
16 runs the gamut in terms of skill-level. Both industries have
17 expressed a critical need for government support to establish an



1 educational infrastructure that may prepare students for work in
2 their industries. Appropriate programs would assist in
3 preparing and guiding students who are otherwise unlikely to
4 pursue higher education into jobs that are in demand.

5 The purpose of this Act is to support and enhance the
6 agriculture industry by ensuring the continued supply of
7 qualified individuals for the industry through:

8 (1) The establishment of an agricultural and culinary
9 education pilot program that teaches students healthy
10 eating habits and encourages the culinary arts,
11 farming, diversified agriculture, and related
12 industries such as market development and science and
13 technology, as long-term career goals; and

14 (2) The establishment of a comprehensive vocational
15 agriculture and landscape education program in the
16 public schools.

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

19 " ~~[+] §302A-431.7 [-]~~ ~~[Vocational agriculture]~~ Agriculture
20 and landscape education program. (a) The department shall
21 establish and administer ~~[a-vocational]~~ an agriculture and
22 landscape education program. The program shall include adequate



1 staffing of individuals trained or experienced in the [~~field~~]
2 fields of [~~veational~~] agriculture and landscaping to coordinate
3 the program and to provide assistance to school districts for
4 the coordination of the activities of related student
5 [~~agricultural~~] organizations and associations.

6 (b) The [~~veational~~] agriculture and landscape education
7 program shall be administered by a director who shall:

- 8 (1) Assess the agricultural and landscape needs of the
9 State and devise methods of meeting those needs with
10 the [~~veational~~] agriculture and landscape education
11 program;
- 12 (2) Assist school districts in establishing [~~veational~~]
13 agriculture and landscaping programs;
- 14 (3) Review school district applications for approval of
15 [~~veational~~] agriculture and landscaping programs;
- 16 (4) Evaluate existing programs;
- 17 (5) Plan research and studies for the improvement of
18 curriculum materials for specialty areas of
19 [~~veational~~] agriculture [~~+~~] and landscaping, including
20 aquaculture and incumbent worker training;



- 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 [~~veational~~] agriculture[+] and
6 landscaping;
- 7 (8) Review applications for [~~veational~~] agriculture and
8 landscaping teacher certification;
- 9 (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in
10 [~~veational~~] agriculture and landscaping programs;
- 11 (10) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America,
12 representatives of business, industry, appropriate
13 public agencies, and institutions of higher education
14 to facilitate dissemination of information;
- 15 (11) Promote improvement of [~~veational~~] agriculture and
16 landscaping programs;
- 17 (12) Assist in the development of adult [~~and~~], continuing
18 education, and college-level education programs in
19 [~~veational~~] agriculture[+] and landscaping;
- 20 (13) Establish an advisory task force of agriculturists[+]
21 and experts in landscaping, who represent the diverse
22 areas of the [~~agricultural industry~~] agriculture and



1 landscaping industries in the State, that shall make
2 annual recommendations on the development of
3 curriculum, staffing, and strategies to establish a
4 source of trained and qualified individuals in
5 agriculture and landscaping and strategies for
6 developing the state program in [~~veational~~]
7 agriculture and landscaping education, including youth
8 leadership throughout the public schools[-]; and

9 (14) Assist in the administration of the agricultural and
10 culinary education pilot program established in
11 subsection (c).

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

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



1 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture, in conjunction
2 with the department of education, shall determine whether the
3 purposes of this Act will be better served by the establishment
4 of a single or two separate programs to support the agriculture
5 and landscape industries.

6 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall consult
7 with the department of education and the University of Hawaii's
8 college of tropical agriculture and human resources and college
9 of education.

10 SECTION 5. The department of agriculture shall submit a
11 report of its activities and any requests for funding to further
12 implement the agriculture and landscaping educational program to
13 the legislature and the governor no later than twenty days
14 before the convening of the regular sessions of 2008 and 2009.

15 SECTION 6. The department of education shall submit a
16 report to the legislature evaluating the agricultural and
17 culinary education pilot program no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of each regular legislative session in which
19 the program is administered beginning with the regular session
20 of 2008.

21 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
2 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2008-2009, to support and maintain a comprehensive agriculture
4 and landscape education program in the public schools as
5 provided in section 2 of this Act.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
7 of agriculture for the purposes of section 2 of this Act.

8 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
11 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2008-2009, for the establishment and administration of the
13 agricultural and culinary education pilot program as provided in
14 this Act.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
16 of education for the purposes of establishing and administering
17 the agricultural and culinary education pilot program pursuant
18 to section 2 of this Act.

19 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
22 provided that:



- 1 (1) Sections 7 and 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2007;
2 and
3 (2) Subsection (b)(14) and (c), of section 302A-431.7,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be repealed on July 1,
5 2012, and section 302A-431.7(d), Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, shall be redesignated as 302A-431.7(c),
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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. Sunsets in 2012. Establishes a comprehensive vocational agriculture and landscape education program in the public schools. Makes appropriations. (SD1)

