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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 our democratic
2 process is based upon citizen participation. The founders of
3 our nation agreed that democracy could only be maintained though
4 an educated and informed citizenry. The legislature further
5 finds Hawaii school children should understand the electoral
6 process and possess a sense of civic responsibility that will
7 hopefully carry forward into their adulthood. It is imperative
8 to encourage and support educational programs that will educate
9 Hawaii's youngest citizens about state government and the state
10 legislative process. The legislature further finds that
11 requiring the assessment and tracking of students' development
12 of civic responsibility will enhance educational accountability.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

14 (1) Establish a grant program in the department of
15 education to develop K-12 lesson plans, curriculum,
16 and other educational materials for civic
17 responsibility; and



1 (2) Directly support the development of civic
2 responsibility in students by appropriating funds for
3 social studies textbooks; provided that the school
4 complex provides a plan or makes a declaration to the
5 department of education evidencing the importance of
6 civic responsibility and lists the textbooks needed to
7 educate students about civic responsibility; and
8 further provided that the civic responsibility
9 curriculum is aligned within the school complex.

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

13 "§302A- Civic responsibility education grant program.

14 (a) The department shall develop and implement a grant program
15 to encourage civic responsibility education in public schools.
16 Expenditures shall be subject to the allotment and expenditure
17 plan required under section 37-34.5.

18 (b) Grants shall be for the purposes of funding civic
19 responsibility education lesson plans, curriculum, and other
20 related educational materials; provided that all such materials
21 shall be aligned within the school complex.



1 (c) The board shall establish and appoint the members of a
2 grant award panel, which shall consist of at least one
3 representative from each of the following groups:

4 (1) Parents;

5 (2) Students;

6 (3) Teachers;

7 (4) School administrators;

8 (5) School support staff;

9 (6) Businesspersons; and

10 (7) The military, whose participation shall be requested.

11 The panel shall include a representative from each departmental
12 school district among its members.

13 The panel shall review proposals and make recommendations
14 to the superintendent on grant awards. Panel members shall
15 serve for a term of two years without compensation, but shall be
16 entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including
17 travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their official
18 duties. A portion of the moneys appropriated for the grants,
19 not to exceed one per cent, shall be used to offset the expenses
20 incurred by the review panel.

21 (d) The panel shall develop a process for submitting
22 proposals.



- 1 (e) All proposals for civic responsibility education
2 grants shall include:
- 3 (1) A clear statement of how the proposed program will
4 achieve the goals of:
- 5 (A) Educating students on civic responsibility; and
6 (B) Aligning all proposed educational materials
7 within the school complex;
- 8 (2) A method of evaluation to determine if the program has
9 achieved its stated goals;
- 10 (3) A detailed budget and expenditure plan, which shall
11 include any commitment of existing funds under the
12 school or schools' allotment toward the proposed
13 program; and
- 14 (4) Other criteria required by the panel.
- 15 (f) The panel shall assist the superintendent in the
16 evaluation of all grant programs under this section on a
17 continuing basis. If an approved program fails to meet the
18 requirements of its proposal, the panel shall recommend to the
19 superintendent that funding for the grant shall be terminated.
- 20 (g) The superintendent shall submit a report to the
21 legislature on the operations of the review panel at least
22 twenty days before the convening of each regular session."



1 SECTION 3. 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 civic responsibility education grant
 6 program.

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

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 12 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 13 year 2008-2009, to purchase social studies textbooks for
 14 schools; provided that the school complex provides a plan or
 15 makes a declaration to the department of education evidencing
 16 the importance of civic responsibility and lists the textbooks
 17 and other learning materials needed to educate students about
 18 civic responsibility; and further provided that the civic
 19 responsibility curriculum is aligned within the school complex.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 21 of education for the purposes of this section.

22 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Education; Civic Responsibility, Textbooks; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a grant program in the department of education to develop K-12 lesson plans, curriculum, and other educational materials to promote civic responsibility. Appropriates funds to the department of education for the grant program and for social studies textbooks.

