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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 purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Create a new category of high schools within the
3 department of education that will link the curriculum
4 of a school to the mission of a particular agency or
5 University of Hawaii campus and the private sector
6 work force;

7 (2) Create a tax incentive for businesses providing
8 experiential learning opportunities; and

9 (3) Create a comprehensive agriculture and landscape
10 education program in the public schools.

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

14 "PART . APPLIED LEARNING HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES

15 § -1 Definitions. Whenever used in this part, unless
16 the context otherwise requires:



1 "Applied learning high school academy" means a department
2 of education high school, or school within a school, with an
3 approved five-year plan to deliver an applied learning
4 curriculum, including project EAST (environmental and spatial
5 technology) programs and STEM (science, technology, engineering,
6 and mathematics) programs, linked to the mission of a state
7 agency or University of Hawaii campus, college, program or
8 department, which includes a significant contribution of land,
9 facilities, personnel, or other resources by that agency or
10 campus.

11 "Department" means the department of education.

12 § -2 Applied learning high school academies. (a) The
13 department shall establish and administer an applied learning
14 high school academy program.

15 (b) The applied learning high school academy program shall
16 be administered by a director who shall:

17 (1) Collaborate with the director of business, economic
18 development and tourism to assess the workforce needs
19 of the State and devise methods of meeting those needs
20 within the applied learning high school academy
21 program;



- 1 (2) Assist schools, complex areas, and districts in
2 establishing applied learning high school academy
3 programs;
- 4 (3) Review school applications for approval of applied
5 learning high school academy programs;
- 6 (4) Evaluate existing programs;
- 7 (5) Incorporate programs within the model, including
8 project EAST (environmental and spatial technology)
9 and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and
10 mathematics) programs;
- 11 (6) In collaboration with the University of Hawaii,
12 initiate research and studies for the improvement of
13 curriculum materials for specialty areas of applied
14 learning high school academies;
- 15 (7) Ensure that the standards and criteria developed under
16 this section satisfy the mandates of federally
17 assisted vocational education;
- 18 (8) Develop in-service programs for teachers and
19 administrators;
- 20 (9) Assist in teacher recruitment and placement in applied
21 learning high school academy programs;



1 (10) Serve as a liaison with the representatives of
2 business, industry, appropriate public agencies, and
3 institutions of higher education to facilitate
4 dissemination of information;

5 (11) Promote links with private sector employers in Hawaii;

6 (12) Assist in the development of adult and continuing
7 education programs in private industry; and

8 (13) Establish an advisory task force representing the
9 diverse areas of industry in the State, which shall
10 make annual recommendations on the development of
11 curriculum, staffing, and strategies to establish a
12 source of trained and qualified individuals and
13 strategies for developing the applied learning high
14 school academies program, including youth leadership
15 throughout the public schools.

16 (c) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
17 for the purposes of this part.

18 § -3 **Applied learning high school academies; application**
19 **and approval.** (a) Any community, group of high school
20 teachers, group of teachers and administrators, state agency, or
21 nonprofit organization may submit a letter of intent to the
22 department to convert a department high school to a applied



1 learning high school academy, and develop a detailed five-year
2 plan that shall include in its plan significant support of the
3 high school by the co-sponsoring state agency or University of
4 Hawaii campus.

5 (b) Applied learning high school academies may be
6 developed with a focus on agriculture, landscape education,
7 marine science, astronomy, high technology, public health,
8 visitor industries, human resource services, culture and
9 language, environmental sciences, visual arts, performing arts,
10 project EAST (environmental and spatial technology) program
11 subjects, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and
12 mathematics) program subjects, or other thematic areas of
13 interest to agencies and University of Hawaii campuses.

14 (c) The plan shall be approved by the director, the high
15 school's school community council, and the complex area
16 superintendent; provided that the evaluation of the application
17 plans shall incorporate the following criteria:

- 18 (1) The degree to which the plan strives to provide
19 students with experiences outside the school walls;
- 20 (2) Opportunities for juniors to complete a semester-long
21 academic internship in a local business or agency;



- 1 (3) Opportunities for seniors to develop substantial
2 projects that enable the students to learn while
3 working on problems of interest and concern in the
4 community; and
- 5 (4) Opportunities for ninth and tenth grade students to
6 "shadow" an adult through a workday, perform community
7 service in a group project, or engage in lunches with
8 outside adults on issues of interest.

9 (d) Upon approval of the five-year plan, the school
10 community council shall have the same independent authority over
11 curriculum of the applied learning high school academy for the
12 five-year period as the charter school local school boards.

13 (e) The applied learning high school academy's success
14 shall be evaluated by the board of education following each
15 five-year period, and may be renewed."

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§235- Experiential learning opportunities tax credit.

20 (a) Each taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by this chapter
21 who provides experiential learning opportunities to public
22 school students for a total of at least twenty-four hours of



1 experiential learning opportunity time per year may claim a tax
2 credit in an amount equal to \$ _____, which shall be
3 deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any,
4 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year in which the credit
5 is properly claimed.

6 (b) Each taxpayer that provides experiential learning
7 opportunities to public school students shall file documentation
8 with the department of taxation that indicates:

- 9 (1) The total number of experiential learning opportunity
10 hours provided to public school students;
11 (2) The number of public school students involved in the
12 experiential learning opportunities;
13 (3) The names of the public education institutions in
14 which the students are enrolled;
15 (4) A description of each experiential learning
16 opportunity provided to public school students; and
17 (5) The contact information of the taxpayer providing the
18 experiential learning opportunity and the public
19 education institution receiving the opportunities.

20 The information in paragraphs (1) to (5) shall be a public
21 document.



1 (c) The director of taxation shall prepare any forms that
2 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section and
3 may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, including any penalties
4 for failure to comply with this section.

5 (d) For purposes of this section, "experiential learning
6 opportunity" means any learning opportunity within school hours,
7 after school, on weekends, or during vacations, which allows the
8 learner to attain information and practical skills that are
9 necessary to perform in the work place and provides significant
10 experiences with real outcomes that create measurable learning
11 achievements through participation and reflection."

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
15 the applied learning high school academies program established
16 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 education 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, 2007.

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Report Title:

Applied Learning High School Academies; Establishment

Description:

Establishes the applied learning high school academies program for department of education public schools; creates a tax credit for experiential learning opportunities; appropriates an unspecified amount.

