

JAN 17 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 51, the Reinventing Education Act of 2004
2 (Act 51), states: "One of the most important means of improving
3 educational outcomes and public confidence in these outcomes is
4 by enhancing community involvement." To that end, Act 51
5 mandates that school community councils be established in all
6 public schools by the 2005-2006 school year. Each school
7 community council is composed of a principal and at least one
8 member representing teachers, non-certificated personnel,
9 students, community members, and parents.

10 The legislature envisions each school community council as
11 a vehicle for shared decision making. In practice, each school
12 community council is advisory, with a primary purpose of
13 evaluating the school's academic and financial plan. Each
14 school community council may offer recommendations and then
15 forward its plan to the complex area superintendent for
16 adoption. Each plan becomes the blueprint for that school's
17 goals, priorities, programs, and activities, and is used as a



1 guide for academic and financial decisions made at the school
2 level.

3 To ensure that each school community council can
4 effectively perform its responsibilities and incorporate
5 workforce priorities, it is important to provide council members
6 with:

- 7 (1) Adequate and appropriate training; and
- 8 (2) Clearly stated additional workforce-related
9 responsibilities.

10 The purpose of this Act is to provide a training program
11 for each school community council located within the forty-two
12 high schools under the department of education.

13 SECTION 2. The department of education shall establish a
14 training program for each school community council located
15 within the forty-two schools under the department of education.
16 The training program shall incorporate each school community
17 council's goals, priorities, and programs, including the
18 oversight of the school's activities related to:

- 19 (1) Incorporation of career pathways into the school,
20 including clear, understandable information on
21 occupations needed by the State for economic
22 development;



Report Title:

School Community Councils; Training Program Funding

Description:

Requires the department of education to establish a high school community council training program. Appropriates funds for this purpose.

