
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 service learning is
2 a concept that is growing in acceptance throughout the education
3 world. Service learning is a teaching method that combines
4 community service with curriculum-based learning. To the extent
5 that some schools in Hawaii require community service for
6 graduation from high school, a service learning criteria is not
7 far removed.

8 The legislature further finds that service learning can
9 help students improve their academic skills by applying what
10 they learn in the classroom to the real world. Feedback and
11 reflection in the classroom regarding their real world
12 experiences help to reinforce the learning that occurs from
13 application of classroom skills.

14 The purpose of this Act is to require service learning as a
15 requirement for high school graduation.

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



1 "§302A- Service learning; requirement. (a) The board
2 shall adopt service learning as a high school graduation
3 requirement, provided that:

4 (1) the minimum service component is at least
5 seventy-five hours;

6 (2) the service component is designed at the school
7 level, and approved by the superintendent of
8 education; and

9 (3) the classroom component may begin as early as
10 grade eight, but shall not be included in the
11 minimum service component time of at least
12 seventy-five hours."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Education; service learning participation

Description:

Mandates service learning participation as a requirement for graduation.

