
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of labor and industrial
2 relations' office of community services shall, by no later than
3 January 1, 2012, establish a voluntary program to allow all
4 state residents between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years,
5 inclusive, to serve a minimum of five-hundred hours of community
6 service. In exchange for this service, the participants shall
7 earn \$3 per hour in scholarship funds that shall be used to
8 finance any educational program chosen by participants until the
9 age of thirty. All funds earned by participants shall be placed
10 in a trust fund established by the office of community services
11 for the participants' use for educational purposes.

12 SECTION 2. The department of labor and industrial
13 relations, with the assistance of all state executive agencies
14 shall prepare a plan for the implementation of the mandatory
15 community service plan established by this Act and to be
16 implemented by the office of community services, including
17 determinations of:

- 1 (1) The federal, state, and county government, and private
2 organizations at which community service participants
3 may be placed;
- 4 (2) An inventory of the functions, duties, and
5 occupational opportunities available at each agency or
6 organization;
- 7 (3) The education, training, and skill levels required for
8 the functions, duties, and occupational opportunities
9 in the inventory;
- 10 (4) The system to be used in matching the community
11 service participants with the volunteer functions,
12 duties, and occupational opportunities available with
13 the participating agencies and organizations;
- 14 (5) Concerns, if any, of private and public sector
15 employee organizations and modifications to the
16 program, if needed, to alleviate those concerns;
- 17 (6) A schedule for phasing in participation by all persons
18 in the relevant age group who desire to participate in
19 the program;
- 20 (7) A system for accounting for the compensation or
21 credits earned by participation in the program, and

1 the means by which those funds or credits may be
2 drawn; and

3 (8) Estimates of the staff, funding, equipment, and
4 facilities required by the office of community
5 services necessary to implement the program during
6 each of the first five years of its existence.

7 The department of labor and industrial relations shall
8 report findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation
9 to the legislature. A preliminary report shall be submitted not
10 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
11 sessions of 2010 and 2011, and a final report shall be submitted
12 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
13 session of 2012.

14 SECTION 3. The attorney general shall advise the office of
15 community services on legal issues involved in the operation and
16 administration of the program, such as:

17 (1) Appropriate methods of identifying all individuals who
18 would be eligible to participate in the program;

19 (2) Appropriate bases upon which persons may be allowed to
20 participate in a modified form of the program;

21 (3) Appropriate methods for enforcing compliance by
22 persons who refuse to participate or who engage in

1 unsatisfactory conduct while participating in the
2 program; and

3 (4) Determination of issues relating to potential
4 liability that may be faced by government agencies and
5 private organizations that participate in the program,
6 and advise and strategies to address those issues.

7 SECTION 4. The governor, the board of education, and the
8 board of regents of the University of Hawaii shall direct all
9 state agencies under their authority to cooperate with and
10 assist the department of labor and industrial relations.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Community Service

Description:

Requires the DLIR's office of community services to establish a voluntary community service program for all residents between the ages of 15 and 18. Requires DLIR to report to the legislature. (SD2)