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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 there is a  
2 persistent need for effective prevention strategies against  
3 bullying and domestic violence and prevention programs in  
4 schools promoting sexual health, emotional literacy, civic  
5 responsibility, and healthy relationships among family members,  
6 friends, and members of the community. The legislature further  
7 finds that after-school programs and prevention programs in  
8 Hawaii's schools provide opportunities to raise awareness among  
9 students of these issues and educate students on effective  
10 prevention strategies.

11           The purpose of this Act is to emphasize and establish  
12 support for after-school programs and prevention programs that  
13 address the issues listed above as objectives and policies for  
14 socio-cultural advancement in the Hawaii state plan established  
15 by chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16           SECTION 2. Section 226-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1           "(b) To achieve the health objectives, it shall be the  
2 policy of this State to:

3           (1) Provide adequate and accessible services and  
4 facilities for prevention and treatment of physical  
5 and mental health problems, including substance abuse.

6           (2) Encourage improved cooperation among public and  
7 private sectors in the provision of health care to  
8 accommodate the total health needs of individuals  
9 throughout the State.

10          (3) Encourage public and private efforts to develop and  
11 promote statewide and local strategies to reduce  
12 health care and related insurance costs.

13          (4) Foster an awareness of the need for personal health  
14 maintenance and preventive health care through  
15 education, including after-school programs and  
16 prevention programs in schools, and other measures.

17          (5) Provide programs, services, and activities that ensure  
18 environmentally healthful and sanitary conditions.

19          (6) Improve the State's capabilities in preventing  
20 contamination by pesticides and other potentially  
21 hazardous substances through increased coordination,  
22 education, monitoring, and enforcement.



1           (7) Emphasize after-school programs and prevention  
2           programs in schools to address sexual and emotional  
3           health issues."

4           SECTION 3. Section 226-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6           "(b) To achieve the education objective, it shall be the  
7 policy of this State to:

8           (1) Support educational programs and activities that  
9           enhance personal development, physical fitness,  
10           recreation, and cultural pursuits of all groups.

11           (2) Ensure the provision of adequate and accessible  
12           educational services and facilities that are designed  
13           to meet individual and community needs.

14           (3) Provide appropriate educational opportunities for  
15           groups with special needs.

16           (4) Promote educational programs which enhance  
17           understanding of Hawaii's cultural heritage.

18           (5) Provide higher educational opportunities that enable  
19           Hawaii's people to adapt to changing employment  
20           demands.

21           (6) Assist individuals, especially those experiencing  
22           critical employment problems or barriers, or

1           undergoing employment transitions, by providing  
2           appropriate employment training programs and other  
3           related educational opportunities.

4           (7) Promote programs and activities that facilitate the  
5           acquisition of basic skills, such as reading, writing,  
6           computing, listening, speaking, and reasoning.

7           (8) Emphasize quality educational programs in Hawaii's  
8           institutions to promote academic excellence.

9           (9) Support research programs and activities that enhance  
10          the education programs of the State.

11          (10) Emphasize prevention strategies against bullying and  
12          domestic violence to be taught in schools and after-  
13          school programs and prevention programs in schools  
14          promoting sexual health, emotional literacy, civic  
15          responsibility, and healthy relationships among family  
16          members, friends, and members of the community."

17          SECTION 4. Section 226-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18          amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19          "(b) To achieve the social service objective, it shall be  
20          the policy of the State to:

21          (1) Assist individuals, especially those in need of  
22          attaining a minimally adequate standard of living and

1 those confronted by social and economic hardship  
2 conditions, through social services and activities  
3 within the State's fiscal capacities.

4 (2) Promote coordination and integrative approaches among  
5 public and private agencies and programs, including  
6 after-school programs and prevention programs in  
7 schools, to jointly address social problems that will  
8 enable individuals, families, and groups to deal  
9 effectively with social problems and to enhance their  
10 participation in society.

11 (3) Facilitate the adjustment of new residents, especially  
12 recently arrived immigrants, into Hawaii's  
13 communities.

14 (4) Promote alternatives to institutional care in the  
15 provision of long-term care for elder and disabled  
16 populations.

17 (5) Support public and private efforts and after-school  
18 programs and prevention programs in schools to prevent  
19 domestic abuse and child molestation, and assist  
20 victims of abuse and neglect.

21 (6) Promote programs which assist people in need of family  
22 planning services to enable them to meet their needs."



1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Keiki Caucus; After-School Programs; Prevention Programs; Hawaii State Plan

**Description:**

Designates after-school and prevention programs that address bullying, sexual health issues, emotional literacy, domestic violence, civic responsibility, and healthy relationships as objectives and policies in the Hawaii state plan.

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