
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- After-school plus program; Hawaiian cultural
5 programs. (a) The department shall include in the after-school
6 plus program, as funded under section 302A-1149.5, activities in
7 Hawaiian language, culture, or art as part of the activities
8 offered to all participating children.

9 (b) Individual schools may require the after-school plus
10 program conducted on their campuses to include a kupuna program,
11 through which Hawaiian language, culture, and art is taught by
12 community elders. A school may obtain the services of persons
13 in a voluntary or unpaid capacity, exempt from chapter 76, as
14 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, and
15 may regulate their duties, powers, and responsibilities when not
16 otherwise provided by law. Any person whose services have been
17 so accepted, while engaged in the performance of duty under this



1 section, shall be deemed a state employee in determining the
2 liability of the State for the negligent acts of these persons.

3 (c) The department or individual schools may fulfill the
4 requirements of this section by incorporating into after-school
5 plus programs an existing program that substantially meets the
6 requirements of this section.

7 (d) The department may adopt rules in accordance with
8 chapter 91 to carry out the purposes of this section."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

After-School Plus Program; Hawaiian Culture

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to include instruction in Hawaiian language, culture, or art as part of the After-School Plus Program. Authorizes individual schools to require the After-School Plus Program on their campuses to include a Kupuna Program through which Hawaiian language, culture, and art is taught through community elders. (HB1557 HD2)

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