
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

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

4 "§302A- Sustainability courses; incorporation into
5 public high school science curriculum. (a) Beginning with the
6 2013-2014 school year, all public high schools shall include
7 sustainability courses as part of the science curriculum or
8 shall include sustainability issues as part of existing science
9 courses. The sustainability instruction shall encompass topics
10 such as the development of the State's alternative energy,
11 ocean, environmental, recycling, and technological resources or
12 capabilities.

13 (b) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver to
14 any individual school subject to the requirements of this
15 section. The board shall adopt policies and procedures to grant
16 a waiver under this section."

17 SECTION 2. The department of education, in collaboration
18 with the board of education, shall submit to the legislature no



1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
2 session of 2013, a report on its progress and efforts to
3 implement the requirements of section 1 of this Act, including
4 any proposed legislation.

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Public High School Science Curriculum; Sustainability Courses

Description:

Requires public high schools to provide sustainability courses as part of the science curriculum or to include sustainability issues as part of existing science courses beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Requires the DOE to report to the legislature.

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