
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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 part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CONFERENCE**

5 **§302A- Purpose.** The purpose of this part is to provide
6 for the establishment of an annual conference of secondary
7 school students, which will enable students in our secondary
8 schools to identify, discuss, and arrive at recommended
9 solutions to major youth problems, with emphasis on school
10 problems that require the attention and joint action by the
11 students, the department, and the legislature. The conference
12 format shall be recommended by the student conference committee,
13 under the guidance of the student conference advisory committee.

14 **§302A- Student conference committee.** There is created a
15 student conference committee composed of sixteen students.
16 There shall be two students from each of the seven local school
17 districts, who shall be selected by the superintendent or the
18 superintendent's designee, and two students from schools



1 represented by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools,
2 who shall be selected by a representative of the Hawaii
3 Association of Independent Schools.

4 **§302A- Duties of the committee.** It shall be the duty of
5 the student conference committee, under the guidance of the
6 student conference advisory committee, to:

- 7 (1) Plan and coordinate all phases of the annual
8 conference;
- 9 (2) Set the theme, scope, and format of the conference;
- 10 (3) Set up the agenda of the conference;
- 11 (4) Determine the number of participants;
- 12 (5) Plan and provide for food, lodging, and transportation
13 of all participants;
- 14 (6) Evaluate the worth and effectiveness of the
15 conference; and
- 16 (7) Consider and act on any other matter relevant to or
17 necessary to effectuate the purpose of this part.

18 **§302A- Student conference advisory committee.** There is
19 created a student conference advisory committee to assist and
20 advise the student conference committee in planning,
21 coordinating, and evaluating the annual conference of students.



1 The department shall maintain guidelines and procedures for the
2 establishment of the student conference advisory committee.

3 §302A- **Annual conference.** The annual conference of
4 students will be held once each school year, subject to program
5 and funding limitations."

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 317, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed.

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

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Report Title:

Education; Student Conference

Description:

Moves the framework for establishing an annual conference of secondary school students from chapter 317, HRS, to chapter 302A, HRS. Removes the governor's authority to appoint members of the student conference committee. Authorizes the superintendent or the superintendent's designee to select the public school members of the student conference committee. Authorizes a representative of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools to select the members of the student conference committee from schools represented by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools. Clarifies that the student conference advisory committee will provide guidance to the student conference committee in carrying out its purpose and duties. Repeals the mandatory legislator and department of education membership and instead clarifies that the department of education shall maintain guidelines and procedures for selecting the student conference advisory committee. Clarifies that the annual student conference is subject to program and funding limitations and removes the three day limit. Repeals the requirement for an evaluation report on student conference proceedings. Repeals chapter 317, HRS. (SD1)

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