
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that voter turnout for
2 young adults in Hawaii is one of the lowest in the country.
3 Many young adults are unaware of the voter registration process
4 and do not exercise their right to vote. Greater participation
5 by young adults in the political process will help build a
6 strong, civil-minded society.

7 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 8 (1) Require the department of education to provide seniors
9 at each public high school with voter registration
10 information prior to graduation and authorize the
11 department to assist students with voter registration;
12 and
13 (2) Require the department of human services to provide
14 young adults in the young adult voluntary foster care
15 program with information on voter registration and
16 authorize the department to assist young adults in the
17 young adult voluntary foster care program with voter
18 registration.



1 SECTION 2. 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- Voter registration information for seniors. The
5 department shall provide each senior at each public high school
6 with information on voter registration prior to graduation. The
7 department may determine the appropriate manner in which the
8 information shall be distributed. The department may also
9 assist students with voter registration."

10 SECTION 3. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part XIX to be appropriately
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 "§346- Voter registration information; registration
14 assistance. The department shall provide each young adult in
15 the young adult voluntary foster care program with information
16 on voter registration but may determine the appropriate manner
17 in which the information shall be distributed. The department
18 may also assist young adults in the young adult voluntary foster
19 care program with voter registration."

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Voter
Registration Information

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to provide seniors at each public high school with voter registration information prior to graduation. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide young adults in the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program with information on voter registration. Authorizes the Department of Education and Department of Human Services to assist students and young adults in the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program with voter registration. (HB1797 HD2)

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