
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAGNET SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 create more educational opportunities for children in the public
3 school system. While the legislature recognizes the reforms to
4 the educational system brought about by the establishment of
5 public charter schools, it also finds that there is room for
6 further exploration of diverse methods of innovation in the
7 public schools, particularly at the high school level. The
8 legislature further finds that over two million students are
9 enrolled in approximately four thousand magnet schools across
10 the nation, in thirty-two states.

11 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
12 education to establish magnet schools.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part II to be
15 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

16 "§302A- Magnet schools; establishment. (a) As a part
17 of the public school system, the department may establish and
18 maintain magnet schools with a program of instruction designed



1 to serve student populations with specialized interests and
2 aptitudes; provided that the department shall give priority to
3 establishing magnet secondary schools.

4 (b) The department may use a selective admission process
5 to ensure the enrollment of students who:

6 (1) Have a common set of specialized interests or
7 aptitudes;

8 (2) Reside in a single departmental school district or in
9 several departmental school districts; and

10 (3) Otherwise possess diverse demographic characteristics
11 in terms of socio-economic background."

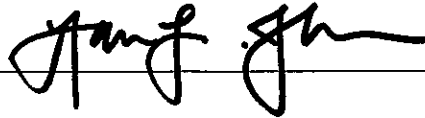
12 SECTION 3. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
14 and to read as follows:

15 "Magnet school" means a public elementary school or public
16 secondary school that offers a special curriculum capable of
17 attracting substantial numbers of students with diverse
18 demographic backgrounds."

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the DOE to create magnet schools.

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