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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that advanced placement
2 courses enhance a high school student's academic performance and
3 improve the overall academic orientation of any high school that
4 offers advanced placement courses. A student who successfully
5 completes an advanced placement course may receive college
6 credit for that course, which allows the high school student to
7 get a head start on the student's college education before
8 graduating from high school. Depending on the college and the
9 grade on the advanced placement course, the student may not have
10 to take that same course in college which results in a college
11 tuition savings for that student.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish in statute an
13 advanced placement program for high school students.

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

17 "§302A- Advanced placement courses. (a) Any public
18 high school may provide one or more advanced placement courses



1 to high school students whose eligibility to take advanced
2 placement courses shall be determined by the particular high
3 school.

4 (b) The department shall assist and advise a public high
5 school to enable that school to offer one or more advanced
6 placement courses, whether in the classroom or online.

7 (c) The department shall pursue available federal funding
8 for financially eligible public high school students to defer
9 the fees of the advanced placement examination.

10 (d) The department shall maintain current updated
11 information on its website to inform school districts of the
12 various available means to offer advanced placement courses in
13 the classroom or online. The department shall annually
14 communicate with high schools that offer advanced placement
15 courses in fewer than five subjects and inform them of the
16 various options for making advanced placement courses and other
17 rigorous courses available to students who may benefit from
18 them. Any student attending a public high school within a
19 district may take an online advanced placement course offered by
20 a public high school within the same district."



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

4 "Advanced placement" means a high school course that is
5 more rigorous and is graded differently than other classes
6 offered on the same subject. An advanced placement course is
7 generally recognized to be equivalent to an undergraduate course
8 in college. An advanced placement course is intended to qualify
9 a student taking an advanced placement course to receive college
10 credit for that course."

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Education; Advanced Placement Courses

Description:

Allows high schools to offer advanced placement courses to qualify students to be eligible to receive college credit for those courses. Defines advanced placement.

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