
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Colleges and universities are increasing the
2 number of courses and programs offered online. The University
3 of Hawaii offered 1,428 sections of distance learning in the
4 fall 2018 semester and is preparing to increase its offering of
5 exclusively online programs. Because methods of educational
6 delivery are changing, certain requirements that have been
7 traditionally imposed on students, such as immunizations, may
8 not always apply in the same manner as they do for traditional
9 classroom instruction.

10 The department of health is currently proposing changes to
11 title 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules, relating to
12 examination and immunization. The proposed changes include an
13 exemption for online and distance learning for post-secondary
14 schools to be implemented when the proposed rules are effective,
15 once the governor approves them, and the amended rules are filed
16 with the lieutenant governor.



1 The University of Hawaii is expanding its online and
2 distance-learning programs beginning with the fall 2019
3 semester. However, the proposed rule may not be adopted in time
4 for fall 2019 classes. Therefore, students who register
5 exclusively for post-secondary online and distance-learning
6 programs for fall 2019, or the preceding online summer college
7 transition course, may still be subject to the current
8 immunization requirements. The department of health and
9 University of Hawaii agree that the rule regarding immunization
10 should be amended to exempt post-secondary students in online or
11 distance-learning programs who do not attend classes in person.

12 The purpose of this Act is to allow post-secondary students
13 who attend classes exclusively online or through distance
14 learning to be exempt from the requirements of title 11, chapter
15 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules, until the revisions to those
16 rules have been adopted.

17 SECTION 2. Students in post-secondary education programs
18 who are registered to attend classes exclusively online or
19 through distance learning shall be exempt from the requirements
20 of title 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, and
2 shall be repealed upon the adoption of the amendments to title
3 11, chapter 157, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

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Report Title:

Post-secondary Education Students; Immunization Exemption

Description:

Temporarily exempts students in post-secondary education programs from immunization requirements if they attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning.

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