
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION
CURRICULUM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an understanding of
2 fetal growth and development is essential to a comprehensive
3 sexual health education program. The Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention recommend that sexual health education
5 curriculum be consistent with scientific research and medically
6 accurate. Further, the CDC also recognizes that students with
7 access to such sexual health education programs are more likely
8 to have fewer sexual partners, use protection during sex, and
9 postpone engaging in sexual activity. The purpose of this Act
10 is to provide students with a medically accurate understanding
11 of fetal growth and development to reduce their likelihood of
12 engaging in high risk sexual behavior.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:



1 "§321- Growth and development and sexuality health
2 education curriculum. (a) Health programs funded by the State
3 shall include human growth and development discussion. The
4 human growth and development discussion shall include:

5 (1) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three
6 minutes in duration, showing the development of the
7 brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in
8 early fetal development; and

9 (2) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or
10 animation showing the process of fertilization and
11 every stage of human development inside the uterus,
12 noting significant markers in cell growth and organ
13 development for every week of pregnancy until birth.

14 (b) Sexuality health education programs funded by the
15 State shall include:

16 (1) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three
17 minutes in duration, showing the development of the
18 brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in
19 early fetal development; and

20 (2) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or
21 animation showing the process of fertilization and



1 every stage of human development inside the uterus,
2 noting significant markers in cell growth and organ
3 development for every week of pregnancy until birth

4 (c) The superintendent of education shall ensure the
5 requirements of this section are included in the Hawaii health
6 content and sexual health education standards.

7 (d) For the purposes of this section:

8 "Human growth and development discussion" means an oral,
9 written, or digital lesson, lecture, or presentation about human
10 biology related to pregnancy and human development inside the
11 womb.

12 "Sexuality health education" means education in any medium
13 regarding human development and sexuality, including education
14 on pregnancy, family planning, and sexually transmitted
15 diseases."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires that student health and sexuality health education programs include discussion of fetal growth and development. Outlines specific content to be included.

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