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S.B. NO. 2815

A Bill for an Act Relating to Adult Education Program.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Part I of chapter 301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“PART I. ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**§301-1 Adult and community education authorized.** To provide increased opportunity for the people of Hawaii, the department of education shall establish and regulate a program of adult and community education of less than college grade to be conducted, wherever feasible, in public school buildings, and to use public school equipment[, ] under conditions determined by the department, when such equipment is needed.

**§301-2 Scope of adult and community education [courses] programs offered.** As rapidly as [facilities] resources are available and interest is developed, [courses] instructional programs shall be initiated in the following fields:

- (1) Basic elementary education. A foundation program in reading and

- speaking English, writing, and arithmetic for persons with no schooling or only primary grade training;
- (2) Advanced elementary education. A program in advanced elementary education for those persons who have completed four to eight years of schooling and who desire to obtain more complete mastery of the fundamentals;
  - (3) Secondary education. A program of secondary education for those adults who, in youth, left school or for some reason had their education curtailed and who now desire to continue their education; for those youths who have been excepted from compulsory attendance under section 298-9; and for those youths who are in need of courses to complete their high school graduation requirements;
  - (4) Adult literacy education. A basic program in reading and writing English, and arithmetic for persons who need to develop or improve their mastery of basic literacy skills in these areas for purposes of enhancing their personal, social, or employment lives;
  - [(4)] (5) Homemaking and parent education. A program in homemaking and parent education for all those parents and other adults who desire training in family life, including child care, nursing, budgeting, and other instruction basic to homemaking;
  - [(5)] (6) [Civic training.] Community education. A program [of] to facilitate understanding and enlightenment in civic duties, responsibilities, and obligations for all persons who desire to keep pace with today's community, national, and world developments and who realize the necessity of continuing study for the adequate fulfillment of their civic functions; community education addresses responsibilities within a given community, especially concerns related to education and the schools, and offers additional services to supplement and enrich the educational program of in-school children and youths;
  - [(6)] (7) Naturalization training. The standard course of training provided by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service which shall be provided to all those who have filed applications for United States citizenship and desire to enroll in such a course under the supervision of the [adult education division;] department of education;
  - [(7)] (8) Cultural opportunities. A program of adult and community education that will meet the interests and desires of those people who wish to enrich and to broaden their cultural, recreational, and social interests.

**§301-3 Advisory council for adult and community education.** The [department] board of education shall appoint an advisory council for adult and community education composed of fifteen or more representatives of industry, labor, civic organizations, and education. Appointments shall be for a term of two years with reappointments optional but not to exceed a total of six years on the advisory council.

**§301-4 Financing adult and community education program.** The financial support for this program shall be in part from fees collected from students enrolled, and in part [out of] from public funds appropriated for this purpose. Fees shall be set in accordance with the recommendations of the advisory council, and may be collected from students regularly enrolled; provided that:

- (1) Adults registered with the department of labor and industrial relations and unemployed shall be granted free enrollment in such courses as will tend to assist such persons in securing employment;

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- (2) Adults certified by the department of human services as indigent may be enrolled on a nonfee basis in classes that will tend to assist such persons in becoming self-sustaining;
- (3) Discharged veterans who are entitled to federal educational assistance shall be enrolled upon authorization of the Veterans Administration and fees shall be charged against federal funds in accordance with Veterans Administration contract regulations;
- (4) Administrative and supervisory costs, costs of instruction, and all other necessary expenses not covered by fees and other authorized charges shall be paid for out of funds appropriated for this purpose.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 25, 1988.)