

ACT 47

S.B. NO. 3267

A Bill for an Act Relating to Student Activities.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public education system has been undergoing significant reforms over the past several years, in order to shift its focus from the administration of the education system to the education of students. School/community-based management and student-centered schools have provided individual schools the opportunity to establish alternative administrative and instructional frameworks that focus on meeting the needs of their specific student population. These restructured schools provide the opportunity for students to be more actively involved in decisions related to the governance structure and instructional programs offered at their schools. Thus, the student body needs to also review its own governance structures as part of this paradigm shift from a top-down bureaucracy to participation by all members of the student body.

The purpose of this Act is to request the student conference committee to suspend the annual conference of students for 1997 and convene a student governance summit to review the organizational structure and roles and responsibilities of the student conference committee and the individual school councils.

SECTION 2. The student conference committee, established pursuant to section 317-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is requested to take appropriate actions necessary to suspend the annual conference of students for 1997, and in its place convene a student summit to review the organizational structure and roles and responsibilities of the student conference committee and the individual school councils, in consideration of the implementation of school/community-based management and student-centered schools. Specifically, the student summit is requested to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the present organizational structures of the student conference committee and the individual school councils are aligned with the implementation of school/community-based management and student-centered schools;
- (2) Evaluate whether the present roles and responsibilities of the student conference committee and the individual school councils are aligned with the implementation of school/community-based management and student-centered schools; and
- (3) If so deemed, recommend how the student conference committee and the individual school councils could be reorganized to better facilitate the implementation of school/community-based management and student-centered schools.

ACT 47

The student conference committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations from the student summit to the board of education and the legislature during the 1997 regular session.

The department of education shall provide staff support as necessary to the student conference committee in the convening of the student summit, including the operation of the summit and the submission of the summit report to the board of education and the legislature.

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

(Approved April 23, 1996.)