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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-       Fundraising and charitable activities; school  
5 projects. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, nothing  
6 shall prohibit a school or class from participating in  
7 fundraising or charitable activities in conjunction with an  
8 organization that is exempt from federal taxes under section  
9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and  
10 registered under section 467B-2.1 or granted an exception from  
11 registration under section 467B-11.5, as part of a school  
12 project when the fundraising or charitable activities benefit  
13 student learning. Pursuant to chapter 91, the department shall  
14 adopt reasonable, objective criteria for the selection of  
15 fundraising or charitable activities to ensure that such  
16 activities benefit student learning. The criteria shall  
17 strictly prohibit coercing or pressuring students or their  
18 families to participate in fundraising activities."



1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Fundraising; Charitable Activity;  
Nonprofit Organizations; Student Learning

**Description:**

Bars prohibition of student or class participation in a fundraiser or charitable activity in conjunction with a nonprofit organization as part of a school project when participation benefits student learning. Requires the department of education to adopt reasonable objective criteria for the selection of fundraising activities and to include a strict prohibition against coercion or pressuring students or their families to participate in the fundraising activities.  
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