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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TUBERCULOSIS TESTING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the  
2 department of health to accept Food and Drug Administration-  
3 approved, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-recommended  
4 tests for tuberculosis infection in addition to the Mantoux  
5 tuberculin skin test for the purpose of obtaining a certificate  
6 of tuberculosis examination. Many individuals are required to  
7 be tested for tuberculosis: children entering school, school  
8 personnel, personnel working with higher-risk populations,  
9 students enrolling in higher education programs, and others.  
10 The addition of the Food and Drug Administration-approved,  
11 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-recommended tests for  
12 tuberculosis infection as an approved tuberculosis diagnostic is  
13 necessary because these tests are appropriate for those who have  
14 received the bacille Calmette-Guerin tuberculosis vaccine,  
15 individuals opposed to the tuberculin injection, and individuals  
16 for whom returning for a second appointment to check for a skin  
17 reaction is a hardship. There is no intent to change current  
18 requirements or procedures regarding the use of the Mantoux



1 tuberculin skin test or chest x-rays in obtaining a certificate  
2 of tuberculosis examination. Rather, the only intent of this  
3 Act is to provide for an additional accepted diagnostic.

4 SECTION 2. The department of health shall accept the  
5 results of any tuberculosis blood test that is a Food and Drug  
6 Administration-approved, Centers for Disease Control and  
7 Prevention-recommended test for tuberculosis infection for the  
8 purpose of obtaining a certificate of tuberculosis examination.

9 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1154, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) No child shall attend any school for the first time  
12 in the State unless the child presents to the appropriate school  
13 official documentation satisfactory to the department of health  
14 that the child has been examined and tested according to the  
15 rules of the department [7] and law and is free from tuberculosis  
16 in a communicable form."

17 SECTION 4. The department of health shall amend its  
18 administrative rules to reflect the addition of a Food and Drug  
19 Administration-approved, Centers for Disease Control and  
20 Prevention-recommended test for tuberculosis infection as an  
21 alternative to the Mantoux tuberculin skin test as an acceptable



1 diagnostic for the purpose of obtaining a tuberculosis  
2 examination certificate.

3 SECTION 5. Any existing administrative rules and  
4 procedures regarding the use of the Mantoux tuberculin skin test  
5 or chest x-rays in obtaining a certificate of tuberculosis  
6 examination shall remain in effect until amended to include the  
7 addition of Food and Drug Administration-approved, Centers for  
8 Disease Control and Prevention-recommended tests for  
9 tuberculosis infection as an acceptable tuberculosis diagnostic  
10 pursuant to section 4.

11 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Tuberculosis Testing; Department of Education; Department of Health

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Health and Department of Education to accept the results of any tuberculosis blood test approved by the Food and Drug Administration and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for purposes of a certificate of tuberculosis examination and clearance to attend public school. (CD1)

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