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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that teaching water
2 safety at a young age is key to drowning prevention. Ocean
3 safety and stewardship courses also help to nurture a sense of
4 responsibility and respect for the coastal environment.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
6 department of education to establish and administer an ocean
7 safety and stewardship education program for all fourth grade
8 students.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part II to be
11 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

12 "§302A- Ocean safety and stewardship education. (a)
13 The department shall establish and administer an ocean safety
14 and stewardship education program to be conducted at each public
15 elementary school for students in the fourth grade.

16 (b) The department may consult or contract with private
17 organizations or instructors for the purposes of this section."




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1 SECTION 3. Within one hundred eighty days of the effective
2 date of this Act, the department of education shall implement
3 the ocean safety and stewardship education program as required
4 by section 2 of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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Report Title:

DOE; Ocean Safety and Stewardship Education

Description:

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