
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to read as follows:

3 "§302A-1154.5 Dental health; dental hygiene supplies. (a)
4 Every school shall include on the list of school supplies
5 students are required to bring to school toothbrushes,
6 toothpaste, and dental floss; provided that if a student does not
7 bring these dental supplies to school for any reason, no
8 disciplinary action shall be imposed. Each school shall ensure
9 that each classroom homeroom has a supply of toothbrushes,
10 toothpaste, and dental floss for use by students, at no cost, who
11 are unable to bring these supplies.

12 (b) Every school shall allow a student a total of ten
13 consecutive minutes a day as part of the lunch period for each
14 student to brush and floss after the student has eaten lunch;
15 provided that the length of each school day shall not be extended
16 for this purpose.

17 §302A-1154.7 Fluoridated bottled water coolers. Each
18 school shall install and maintain in each building on the
19 premises, one or more water coolers containing fluoridated water

1 supplied under section 340E- , purchased by the department
2 pursuant to section 340E- ."

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 340E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§340E- Fluoridated water; bottling and distribution.

7 (a) Each county public water system shall produce fluoridated
8 water containing fluoride concentrations deemed safe by the
9 department, in bottled form for purchase by the public for:

10 (1) Large use in water coolers, by businesses, state and
11 county government offices, public and private schools,
12 colleges, and universities, and other organizations and
13 entities supplying bottled water for employees and
14 members; and

15 (2) Household use, in smaller bottles and in cooler size
16 bottles;

17 (b) The fluoridated bottled water under subsection (a)
18 shall be sold and distributed by the public water system to its
19 customers at the same rate charged for tap water.

20 (c) A public water system may contract with a private
21 vendor for the bottling and distribution of fluoridated water it
22 produces.

23 (d) The department shall pay to each public water system
24 any additional costs, incurred under this section, in producing

1 and distributing fluoridated bottled water, including costs for
2 additional staff, training, equipment, supplies, and chemicals."

3 SECTION 3. Section 321-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§321-62 General duties of department. The department of
6 health shall study and appraise the State's dental health needs
7 and resources, and shall foster the development and expansion of
8 dental health services to the people of the State. The
9 department [may:] shall:

- 10 (1) Conduct research, investigations, experiments,
11 demonstrations, and studies relating to the incidence,
12 causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental
13 diseases;
- 14 (2) Supervise, provide, and direct clinical dental health
15 services for adults and children in the State[;],
16 including but not limited to, preventive dental health
17 services;
- 18 (3) Develop and conduct a comprehensive program of dental
19 health education of the public[;], for adults and
20 children, including but not limited to, proper diet and
21 other means for strengthening tooth enamel, proper
22 dental hygiene, and cautionary information or advice on
23 matters such as baby bottle tooth decay;

- 1 (4) Provide information and education relating to dental
2 health to public health nurses, teachers, social
3 workers, and others who deal in a professional capacity
4 with the public, through publications, seminars,
5 institutes, and other appropriate means; and
6 (5) Provide training for professional personnel to staff
7 state and local dental health programs."

8 SECTION 4. The department of health shall monitor the
9 efficacy of this Act on the dental caries rate among children and
10 adults in this State for ten years subsequent to the effective
11 date of this Act. From 2002 to 2010, the department of health
12 shall report annually to the legislature on the dental caries
13 rate not later than January 15 of each year. All dentists,
14 dental clinics, and public health services and facilities shall
15 cooperate with the department of health in supplying data for
16 purposes of this section.

17 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the emergency
18 budget and reserve fund established in section 328L-3, Hawaii
19 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$, or so much thereof as
20 may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001, for a comprehensive
21 public dental health education program.

22 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
23 health for purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the emergency
2 budget and reserve fund established in section 328L-3, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$, or so much thereof as
4 may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001, for preventive dental
5 health services for children and adults.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 health for purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the emergency
9 budget and reserve fund established in section 328L-3, Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$, or so much thereof as
11 may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001, for public water
12 systems to comply with this Act, including costs for the training
13 of personnel as to the health risks involved in working with
14 fluoride and for other costs incurred by county public water
15 systems under section 340E- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, not
16 offset by moneys from the sale of bottled fluoridated water under
17 section 340E- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 health for purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.
21 New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
23 provided that sections 5, 6, and 7 shall take effect on July 1,
24 2000.

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REPORT TITLE:

Dental Health

DESCRIPTION:

Requires public and private school students to bring dental supplies to school for use in school; requires water supply authorities to bottle fluoridated water for distribution; makes appropriations for public education and preventive dental services for adults and children; and requires DOH to monitor and report to legislature. (SD1)