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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 surfing is of  
2 significant cultural, social, and economic value to the people  
3 of Hawaii, as well as the many visitors who travel to the State  
4 for surfing. The legislature recognizes the extraordinary  
5 accomplishments of Carissa Moore - a Palolo resident who won the  
6 gold medal in the first ever women's surfing competition in the  
7 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo - and the many other Hawaii  
8 surfers who have dedicated themselves to honoring and preserving  
9 the sport and spirit of surfing in Hawaii.

10           The legislature additionally finds that since surfing was  
11 sanctioned by the department of education in 2004, only one of  
12 five local athletic leagues have sponsored surfing. The lack of  
13 interscholastic surfing programs limits opportunities for  
14 inspired students to pursue competitive surfing.

15           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
16 department of education to promote and support surfing as an  
17 interscholastic sport.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2024-2025 for the promotion and support of surfing as an  
6 interscholastic sport.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
8 of education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 500

**Report Title:**

DOE; Surfing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to DOE to promote surfing as an interscholastic sport.

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