A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

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

- SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many children are on their own in the mornings and afternoons before and after the school bell rings. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of school-age
- 4 children are in homes with both parents working, yet very few
- 5 communities have a comprehensive system of before and
- 6 after-school care for children. While Hawaii is fortunate to
- 7 have the A+ program for students in grades K-6, older children
- 8 also need adult supervision. When older children are
- 9 unsupervised in the morning, afternoon, evening, weekend, and
- 10 holiday hours, statistics clearly show that rates of juvenile
- 11 crime, drug use, and experimentation with tobacco, alcohol, and
- 12 sex increase.
- 13 The legislature further finds that there is widespread
- 14 agreement about the importance of establishing safe, structured
- 15 learning environments for children and youth during non-school
- 16 hours.
- 17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
- 18 non-school hour programs for children and youth.



- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000, or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for non-
- 4 school hour programs for kindergarten through twelfth grades for
- 5 the department of education.
- 6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 7 education for the purposes of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000, or so much
- 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
- 11 office of youth services for non-school hour programs for
- 12 children and youth enrolled in school:
- 13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 14 human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000, or so much
- 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 18 non-school hour programs for children and youth enrolled in
- 19 school.
- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 21 parks and recreation of each county, subject to the following
- 22 allocation percentages, which are based on the number of

- 1 children eighteen years of age or younger residing in each
- 2 county; provided that no funds shall be disbursed unless each
- 3 county provides matching funds on a dollar for dollar basis:
- 4 (1) Seventy-one per cent, city and county of Honolulu;
- 5 (2) Thirteen per cent, county of Hawaii;
- 6 (3) Eleven per cent, county of Maui; and
- 7 (4) Five per cent, county of Kauai.
- 8 SECTION 5. Moneys allocated for the purposes of this Act
- 9 shall not reduce existing funding for non-school hour programs
- 10 and shall be awarded by the expending agencies only to non-
- 11 school hour programs that demonstrate a commitment to partnering
- 12 with the public and private sectors and involve youth as active
- 13 participants in all phases of program planning, implementation,
- 14 and evaluation. All programs that receive those moneys shall
- 15 meet each quarter with their community partners for the purposes
- 16 of program evaluation and improvement.
- 17 SECTION 6. The office of youth services, the department of
- 18 education, and the counties' parks and recreation departments
- 19 shall convene annually to share information on the best
- 20 practices and outcomes. The office of youth services shall
- 21 submit to the legislature an annual report on the programs
- 22 funded under this Act no later than twenty days prior to the

- 1 convening of each regular session, beginning with the regular
- 2 session of 2007.
- 3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

SB486, SD2, HD1, CD1

Report Title:

Non-School Hour Programs; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to non-school hour programs for children or youth enrolled in school. (CD1)