
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the project EAST
2 (environmental and spatial technology) initiative started as a
3 pilot program in the Maui district high schools during the
4 summer of 2000, which later moved to Hawaii county and then to a
5 middle school on Kauai. Project EAST holds great potential to
6 assist Hawaii's public schools to develop in Hawaii's youth
7 important critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical
8 skills necessary for them to succeed in high technology-based
9 jobs. Project EAST integrates cutting-edge technology, such as
10 computer-assisted drafting, geographic information systems,
11 global positioning systems, and computer graphic applications
12 such as soft image, into the educational curriculum. The goal
13 of this initiative is to prepare students for the information
14 technology age by providing a comprehensive project-based and
15 student-centered learning program where students are responsible
16 for their own learning.

17 Seven project EAST labs have been established in Hawaii--
18 Chiefess Kamakahahei middle school on Kauai; Maui high school,



1 Baldwin high school, King Kekaulike high school, Lahainaluna
2 high school, and Kihei charter school on Maui; and Kea'au high
3 school on Hawaii. Since 2001, Hawaii students have won a number
4 of awards at the National EAST Conference, competing
5 successfully against approximately two hundred schools in six
6 other states.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
8 Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories fund to maintain the
9 project EAST program in existing schools and to expand the
10 program to schools statewide.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,100,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be
14 deposited into the Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories
15 fund established pursuant to section 302A-1314, Hawaii Revised
16 Statutes.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii 3Ts
18 school technology laboratories fund the sum of \$1,100,000 or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to
20 maintain the project EAST program in existing schools and to
21 expand the program to schools statewide; provided that no funds



1 shall be expended unless matching funds are provided pursuant to
2 section 302A-1314(p), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Economic
4 Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., in accordance with section
5 302A-1314, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and implemented in
6 partnership with county economic development boards, as
7 appropriate, for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



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Report Title:

Technology Workforce Development; Project EAST; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds into the Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories fund to maintain the Project EAST Program in existing schools and to expand the program to schools statewide.
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