
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 the State has
2 explored various ways to attract qualified individuals to teach
3 in Hawaii's public schools. While there have been some
4 successes with expanding the pool of qualified teachers, a
5 severe teacher shortage still exists statewide. The legislature
6 also finds that Hawaii's teacher shortage can be mitigated by
7 inviting talented, motivated, and qualified foreign
8 intellectuals to teach in our public schools.

9 The legislature further finds that the contributions of
10 foreign intellectuals from the international community will be
11 an asset to Hawaii's current and future generations by helping
12 students become well-equipped to meet the scientific and
13 technological demands of the twenty-first century and promoting
14 a greater awareness of the global community, thereby leading to
15 increased cooperation, prosperity, and peace between the United
16 States and other countries.

17 The purpose of this Act, which shall be known as the
18 International Educational Friendship Act of 2007, is to



1 appropriate funds to support the development of an international
2 exchange program within the college of education of the
3 University of Hawaii to proactively recruit, educate, and
4 credential foreign intellectuals to serve as teachers in the
5 Hawaii public school system.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$450,000, or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
9 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2008-2009, for the development of an international exchange
11 program to recruit, educate, and credential foreign
12 intellectuals to serve as teachers.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

Teacher Recruitment; University of Hawaii; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the college of education of the University of Hawaii to develop an international exchange program to bring qualified foreign intellectuals to teach in Hawaii public schools.

