
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 year 2007 marks
2 the tenth anniversary the creation of a Hawaiian language medium
3 laboratory school that is open to all ethnicities and affiliated
4 with the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The Nawahiokalaniopuu
5 laboratory school is recognized by the State in a similar manner
6 as the English language medium laboratory school in Honolulu,
7 the University laboratory school, that is affiliated with the
8 University of Hawaii at Manoa. The year 2007 also marks the
9 twentieth anniversary of the initiation of the first cohort of
10 Hawaiian immersion students in the state public schools, a
11 cohort that was represented in the first graduating high school
12 class from Nawahiokalaniopuu laboratory school.

13 The school, an international leader in development of
14 literacy and academics among indigenous peoples, has reproduced
15 much of the academic successes of Hawaii's nineteenth century
16 Hawaiian language medium public schools. Nawahiokalaniopuu
17 laboratory school graduates are studying at prominent
18 universities such as Oxford, Stanford, and Loyola Marymount.



1 The legislature also finds that enrollment at the
 2 Nawahiokalaniopuu laboratory school has grown significantly and
 3 facilities provided by the not-for-profit organization, Aha
 4 Punana Leo, Incorporated, are inadequate for its population.
 5 The school has not received any funds to house its programs,
 6 which are an innovative combination of both department of
 7 education and charter school curricula.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
 11 facilities construction and other educational needs of the
 12 Nawahiokalaniopuu laboratory school of the University of Hawaii
 13 at Hilo.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

The text contains several handwritten signatures in black ink. The most prominent is a large, stylized signature at the top, which appears to be 'Lumpy Whang'. Below it are several other signatures, including one that looks like 'Cindy Evans' and another that is partially legible as 'John...'. The signatures are written over a horizontal line.

Report Title:

Education; Hawaiian Language Medium Education Lab School;
Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for facilities construction and other
educational needs of Nawahiokalaniopuu laboratory school of the
University of Hawaii at Hilo.

