
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii continues to
2 have a critical shortage of trained teachers within the public
3 school system. Research indicates that teacher quality is one
4 of the most influential factors in student achievement.

5 Standards-based reform has a greater chance of success when
6 teacher quality is addressed simultaneously. In an effort to
7 provide quality education for its students, the department of
8 education continues to recruit highly qualified teachers from
9 within the State of Hawaii and the continental United States.
10 As more "baby-boom" teachers in Hawaii and across the nation
11 retire, the task of recruiting highly qualified teachers becomes
12 more challenging each year.

13 One way to address the teacher shortage is with programs
14 like the Hawaii teacher cadet program, through which high school
15 students interested in educational careers may be specifically
16 targeted and their skill sets enhanced towards becoming an
17 educator. Such programs provide students with information,



1 field experiences, and insights into teaching in Hawaii schools,
2 and can guide and support Hawaii's future teachers to ensure
3 success in the profession.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
5 Hawaii teacher cadet program to address the teacher shortage in
6 Hawaii.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000, or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
10 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2008-2009, to the Hawaii teacher cadet program fund.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii teacher
13 cadet program fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000,
14 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-
15 2008, and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary
16 for fiscal year 2008-2009, for the Hawaii teacher cadet program
17 to provide programs for students that promote teaching as a
18 career choice.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of education for the purposes of this Act; provided that the
21 Hawaii alliance for future teachers shall match the amount of



1 the funds appropriated for the purposes of this Act, pursuant to
2 section 302A-401.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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



Report Title:

DOE; Hawaii Teacher Cadet Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii teacher cadet program to address the teacher shortage. (SD1)

