A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many children are
- 2 left unsupervised in the mornings and afternoons, before and
- 3 after school. Nationally, nearly two-thirds of school-age
- 4 children are in homes where both parents work, but few
- 5 communities have a comprehensive system that provides before-
- 6 and after-school care for children. Currently, Hawaii has a
- 7 successful A+ program for students in grades K-6, but does not
- 8 have a similar program for older children who also need adult
- 9 supervision. Statistics show that the rates of juvenile crime,
- 10 drug use, and experimentation with tobacco, alcohol, and sex
- 11 increase among unsupervised older children during non-school
- 12 hours. One way to address this problem is to provide for a non-
- 13 school hour activities program coordinator who would be
- 14 responsible for the coordination of all non-school hour
- 15 activities.
- 16 The legislature further finds that there is widespread
- 17 agreement that it is important to establish safe and structured



- 1 learning environments for school-age children during non-school
- 2 hours.
- 3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for non-
- 4 school hour programs for school-age children and for a non-
- 5 school hour activities program coordinator.
- 6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
- 9 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal
- 10 year 2008-2009, for non-school hour programs for kindergarten
- 11 through twelfth grades for the department of education.
- 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 13 of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
- 17 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal
- 18 year 2008-2009, for the office of youth services for non-school
- 19 hour programs for children and youth enrolled in school.
- 20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 21 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

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         SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
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    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $
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    much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
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    the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal
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    year 2008-2009, for non-school hour programs for children and
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    youth enrolled in school.
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    of parks and recreation of each county, subject to the following
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    allocation percentages, which are based on the number of
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    children eighteen years of age or younger residing in each
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    county; provided that no funds shall be disbursed unless each
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    county provides matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis:
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              Seventy-one per cent, city and county of Honolulu;
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              Thirteen per cent, county of Hawaii;
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              Eleven per cent, county of Maui; and
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         (4)
              Five per cent, county of Kauai.
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         SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
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    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $
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    much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
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    the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
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    year 2008-2009, for a non-school hour activities program
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    coordinator.
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- 1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 2 of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 6. Moneys allocated for the purposes of this Act
- 4 shall not reduce existing funding for non-school hour programs.
- 5 Moneys shall be awarded by the expending agencies only to non-
- 6 school hour programs that demonstrate a commitment to partnering
- 7 with the public and private sectors and involve youth as active
- 8 participants in all phases of program planning, implementation,
- 9 and evaluation. All programs that receive those moneys shall
- 10 meet each quarter with their community partners for the purposes
- 11 of program evaluation and improvement.
- 12 SECTION 7. The department of education, the office of
- 13 youth services, and the counties' parks and recreation
- 14 departments shall convene annually to share information on the
- 15 best practices and outcomes of non-school hour programs. The
- 16 office of youth services shall submit to the legislature an
- 17 annual report on the programs funded under this Act no later
- 18 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
- 19 beginning with the regular session of 2008.
- 20 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

Report Title:

Non-School Hour Programs; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to non-school hour programs for youth enrolled in school and for a non-school hour activities program coordinator. (SD1)