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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Act 51, the Reinventing Education Act of 2004
- 2 (Act 51), states: "One of the most important means of improving
- 3 educational outcomes and public confidence in these outcomes is
- 4 by enhancing community involvement." To that end, Act 51
- 5 mandates that school community councils be established in all
- 6 public schools by the 2005-2006 school year. Each school
- 7 community council is composed of a principal and at least one
- 8 member representing teachers, non-certificated personnel,
- 9 students, community members, and parents.
- 10 The legislature envisions each school community council as
- 11 a vehicle for shared decision making. In practice, each school
- 12 community council is advisory, with a primary purpose of
- 13 evaluating the school's academic and financial plan. Each
- 14 school community council may offer recommendations and then
- 15 forward its plan to the complex area superintendent for
- 16 adoption. Each plan becomes the blueprint for that school's
- 17 goals, priorities, programs, and activities, and is used as a

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guide for academic and financial decisions made at the school
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    level.
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         To ensure that each school community council can
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    effectively perform its responsibilities and incorporate
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    workforce priorities, it is important to provide council members
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    with:
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              Adequate and appropriate training; and
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              Clearly stated additional workforce-related
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              responsibilities.
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         The purpose of this Act is to provide a training program
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    for each school community council located within the forty-two
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    high schools under the department of education.
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         SECTION 2. The department of education shall establish a
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    training program for each school community council located
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    within the forty-two schools under the department of education.
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    The training program shall incorporate each school community
    council's goals, priorities, and programs, including the
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    oversight of the school's activities related to:
              Incorporation of career pathways into the school,
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              including clear, understandable information on
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              occupations needed by the State for economic
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development;

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1	(2)	Provision of information and counseling to each
2		student and guardian or parent regarding the student's
3		career pathways and significance to the student's
4		future in the workforce; and
5	(3)	Retention and transition strategies to assist students
6		through secondary and post-secondary institutions.
7	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general	
8	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much	
9	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to the
10	department of education to develop high school community council	
11	training programs; provided that the department shall expend	
12	\$7,000 in each of the forty-two high schools in the State.	
13	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of	
14	education for the purposes of this Act.	
15	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

School Community Councils; Training Program Funding

Description:

Requires the department of education to establish a high school community council training program. Appropriates funds for this purpose.