A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006,
- 2 appropriated \$2,000,000 for purchasing science textbooks and
- 3 teaching resources. Subsequently, however, fifteen complex
- 4 areas submitted requests totaling nearly \$6,000,000.
- 5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional funds
- 6 for science textbooks and other teaching resources; provided
- 7 that schools within a complex area receiving funds have a K-12
- 8 articulated science curriculum.
- 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000, or so
- 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
- 12 purchase science textbooks and other teaching resources;
- 13 provided that schools within a complex area receiving funds have
- 14 a K-12 articulated science curriculum; provided further that the
- 15 department of education shall practice economic efficiency
- 16 through the utilization of discounts for bulk purchasing, when

- 1 appropriate, and the utilization of professional development
- 2 support provided by publishers or vendors, when available.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 4 education for the purposes of this Act.
- **5** SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000, or so much
- 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
- 8 improve and support science education by providing assistance to
- 9 public school teachers for conducting assessments of their
- 10 students to determine their progress and areas of weakness, and
- 11 to identify methods or resources necessary to support academic
- 12 achievement and development.
- 13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 14 education for the purposes of this Act.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

Report Title:

DOE; Science Textbooks; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$4,000,000 to the department of education for science textbooks and other teaching resources for school complex areas with an established K-12 articulated science curriculum and appropriates \$750,000 to the department of education to assist teachers in conducting assessments and addressing student weaknesses and needs. (SD1)