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## 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 hearing and vision
- 2 testing programs in public schools enables early detection of
- 3 hearing and vision problems for students. Early diagnosis and
- 4 treatment of hearing and vision issues can be crucial in
- 5 preventing further hearing and vision loss, which would result
- 6 in higher medical costs and adversely affect the social and
- 7 educational development for children, especially young children.
- 8 Early treatment of hearing and vision problems for children is
- 9 likely to prevent additional or exacerbated hearing and vision
- 10 impairment, and contribute to students' success in school.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for hearing and
- 12 vision testing in public schools.
- 13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
- 16 establishment of hearing and vision testing programs in public
- 17 schools.

- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- education for the purposes of this Act. 2
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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# S.B. NO. 2298

### Report Title:

Hearing and Vision Testing; DOE; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates funds to the DOE for hearing and vision testing in public schools.

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