
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, according to the
2 State of Hawaii department of education, nearly twenty-six per
3 cent of Nanakuli high school students and more than twenty-seven
4 per cent of Waianae high school students fail to graduate within
5 four years.

6 The legislature further finds that, according to a 2008
7 report from the bipartisan organization Fight Crime,
8 approximately sixty-eight per cent of people who do not graduate
9 from high school are eventually incarcerated.

10 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Leeward coast
11 educational renewal pilot project to quickly implement
12 educational reform for schools on the Leeward coast that have a
13 history of poor academic performance.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall
15 establish the Leeward coast educational renewal pilot project
16 pursuant to this Act.

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(b) The pilot project shall be implemented by a working group. The department of education shall invite the following to become members of the working group:

- (1) A representative of the department of education;
- (2) A representative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
- (3) A representative of the Friends of Hawaii Charities;
- (4) A representative of the Kamehameha Schools;
- (5) A representative of the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation;
- (6) A community leader; and
- (7) Other individuals and representatives from other organizations as determined by the working group.

(c) The working group may:

- (1) Implement the Berman report recommendations regarding education methodology for Leeward coast schools or may implement other core curriculum;
- (2) Construct a vocational-technical school by partnering with unions and other organizations to provide continuing career education, including careers in plumbing, carpentry, agriculture, cosmetology, and automobile repair; and



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1 (3) Request funds from private and government

2 organizations including Kamehameha Schools and the

3 Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

4 (d) The working group shall elect one of its members to
5 serve as the chair.

6 (e) The working group shall be administratively attached
7 to the department of education, which shall provide support
8 staff for the working group.

9 (f) Members of the working group shall serve without
10 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
11 incurred during the performance of their duties.

12 (g) The working group shall submit an interim report to
13 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
14 of the regular session of 2016, and shall submit a final report
15 with its findings and recommendations to the legislature no
16 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
17 session of 2017.

18 (h) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,
19 2017.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2016-2017 for the Leeward coast educational renewal pilot
4 project.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
6 of education for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Education Reform; Leeward Coast Schools; Pilot Project;
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Description:

Establishes the Leeward coast educational renewal pilot project to quickly implement educational reform for schools on the Leeward coast. Appropriates funds for the pilot project.

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