
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the mission of the
2 Hawaii national guard youth challenge program is to intervene in
3 and reclaim the lives of sixteen- to eighteen-year-old high
4 school dropouts, and produce program graduates with the values,
5 life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed
6 as a productive citizen. The youth challenge program is a
7 competency-based high school diploma program offered in a
8 military-based environment during a twenty-two-week residential
9 phase, followed by a twelve-month phase, during which all youths
10 are matched to an adult mentor to help them enroll in higher
11 education or technical school program, or obtain an entry-level
12 job.

13 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii national
14 guard youth challenge program is an award-winning program that
15 has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and
16 cost-efficient programs for targeting youth who are at greatest
17 risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and



1 criminal activity. Over the years, seventy-eight per cent of
2 challenge graduates receive their high school equivalency
3 diploma, forty-eight per cent join the work force, nineteen per
4 cent continue their education, and six per cent join the
5 military.

6 The legislature further finds that the success of the
7 Hawaii national guard youth challenge program is not only due to
8 the classroom work but the youth's participation in activities
9 in their communities. Presently, the program has seven vans of
10 varying size for recruiting outreach projects and to transport
11 the participants to the community activities. The average age
12 of these vans is between nine and ten years old, and many of the
13 vans are often out of service due to the frequency of service
14 and repairs necessitated by their age.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
16 purchasing of new vans for the Hawaii national guard youth
17 challenge program.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general funds
19 of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as
20 may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the purpose of



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1 purchasing three, twelve- to fifteen-passenger vans to transport
2 Hawaii national guard youth challenge program participants.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
4 department of defense for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the purchase of passenger vans for the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

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