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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

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

- SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
  adding a new chapter to title 12, subtitle 6, to be
  appropriately designated and to read as follows:

  "CHAPTER

  NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE GRANT PROGRAM

  S -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
- 7 "Chairperson" means chairperson of the board of land and
- 8 natural resources.
- 9 "Department" means department of land and natural
- 10 resources.
- 11 § -2 No child left inside grant program; established.
- 12 (a) There is established within the department the no child
- 13 left inside grant program. The no child left inside grant
- 14 program shall be an outdoor education and recreation grant
- 15 program subject to the availability of and appropriation of
- 16 funds.

1 The department shall implement the no child left 2 inside grant program to provide resources and support to public agencies, private organizations, and individuals in establishing 3 4 and maintaining outdoor education and recreation programs for 5 children. Eligible applicants to the no child left inside grant 6 program shall include both existing and new programs that 7 provide outdoor education and recreation programs for children 8 in the State. Any participating school programs shall be fully 9 aligned with the academic learning requirements for science in the State. 10 11 (c) The no child left inside grant program shall be phased 12 in beginning with schools and students with the greatest needs 13 in suburban, rural, and urban areas in the State. Any grant awarded shall be for outdoor education and recreation programs 14 that focus on students who: 15 16 Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch; (1)17 Are most likely to fail academically; or (2) 18 Have the greatest potential to drop out of school. 19 -3 No child left inside grant program; priorities and

award criteria. (a) The chairperson shall set priorities and

develop criteria for the awarding of grants to outdoor education

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- 1 and recreation programs. Consideration shall be given to any
- programs that include one or more of the following:
- 3 (1) Contribution to the reduction of academic failure and
- 4 drop out rates;
- 5 (2) Utilization of nationally accredited environmental
- 6 education curriculum;
- 7 (3) Outdoor recreation and sound nutrition programming to
- 8 contribute to healthy lifestyles;
- 9 (4) Use of a state park as a venue or the department's
- personnel as a resource;
- 11 (5) Maximizing the number of participants that can be
- 12 served;
- 13 (6) Commitment to matching or in-kind resources; and
- 14 (7) Creation of public-private partnerships.
- 15 (b) Any public agency in the State may develop and
- 16 implement outdoor education and recreation programs.
- 17 (c) The chairperson may make grants to public agencies and
- 18 contract with any public or private agency or person to develop
- 19 and implement outdoor education and recreation programs.
- 20 § -4 No child left inside grant program; advisory
- 21 committee. (a) The chairperson shall create an advisory



- 1 committee to assist and advise the department in the development
- 2 and administration of the no child left inside grant program.
- 3 In addition to the chairperson, who shall serve as chair, the
- 4 advisory committee shall comprise the:
- 5 (1) Superintendent of education or the superintendent's
- 6 designee;
- 7 (2) Administrator of the department's division of forestry
- 8 and wildlife;
- 9 (3) Respective county department heads with jurisdiction
- 10 over county parks and recreation resources;
- 11 (4) Members of the business community invited to
- participate by the chairperson;
- 13 (5) Representatives of outdoor organizations with a focus
- on education invited to participate by the
- 15 chairperson; and
- 16 (6) Any other representative deemed necessary to ensure
- 17 representation of a cross-section of stakeholders, as
- invited to participate by the chairperson;
- 19 provided that the advisory committee shall include at least one
- 20 member from each county.

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2	compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
3	including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
4	their duties.
5	§ -5 No child left inside grant program special fund.
6	(a) There is established within the treasury of the State the
7	no child left inside grant program special fund, to be
8	administered by the department. The following moneys shall be
9	deposited into the no child left inside grant program special
10	fund:
11	(1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund
12	(2) Gifts, donations, and grants received by the no child
13	left inside grant program; and

(b) Advisory committee members shall serve without

- 14 (3) Moneys directed to the department for purposes of the
  15 no child left inside grant program from any other
  16 source, including revenues generated pursuant to the
  17 administration of this chapter.
- 18 All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited into the no
  19 child left inside grant program special fund shall become part
  20 of the fund.

1	(b) Moneys in the no child left inside grant program
2	special fund shall be used for the following purposes:
3	(1) Awarding of grants pursuant to this chapter; and

(2) Administration of the no child left inside grant

5 program pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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#### Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; No Child Left Inside Program

#### Description:

Establishes the no child left inside grant program for the awarding of grants promoting outdoor education and recreation programs. Establishes the no child left inside grant program special fund.

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