
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is a matter of
2 statewide concern to enable public school innovation and
3 systemic school empowerment under the auspices of the Every
4 Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), authorized as P.L. 114-95.
5 ESSA offers the State a new opportunity to set a renewed vision
6 of high expectations and move away from a one size fits all
7 approach to student learning. ESSA provides the State's public
8 school system the authority to embrace public school innovation
9 and systemic school empowerment within a context of Hawaii's
10 unique values, beliefs, culture, history, and language.

11 The legislature further finds that there is a public
12 benefit from school-level innovation, beginning with the
13 development of exemplary leadership and elevation of the
14 teaching profession. This exemplary leadership will reflect
15 school-level and community-based input and recognize visionary
16 educational practices. Teachers will be empowered to adopt



1 educational practices that support global learner outcomes based
2 upon individual assessments rather than standardized testing.

3 The legislature finds that the board of education, as a
4 matter of statewide policy, should encourage innovation in
5 department of education schools that support global learner
6 outcomes and recognize cultural context.

7 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the board of
8 education to adopt guiding principles and measures of success
9 for, and the department of education to implement grants to
10 support, school-level innovations reflecting visionary and
11 aspirational educational practices and to fund these grants.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding two new sections to part V, subpart B to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§302A- Education innovation grants program. (a) There
16 is established within the department, an education innovation
17 grants program for department schools under the direction of the
18 board. The board shall adopt guiding principles and measures of
19 success for the grants program.

20 (b) The department shall:



1 (1) Develop a request for proposals based upon the guiding
2 principles and measures of success, including a
3 schedule of proposal submission and award deadlines;

4 (2) Ensure that information about the grants program is
5 published and broadcast via electronic media sites
6 managed by the department; and

7 (3) Award grants to department schools or programs that
8 reflect the board's guiding principles and that have
9 the potential for knowledge transfer within the public
10 school system.

11 (c) Beginning with the convening of the regular session of
12 2021, the department shall submit to the legislature an annual
13 report that includes:

14 (1) A list of the schools or programs that have received
15 the grants and the amount of each grant;

16 (2) A description of the innovations being supported by
17 each grant; and

18 (3) The measures of success applicable to each grant.

19 §302A- Education innovation grants special fund. (a)

20 There is established in the state treasury, the education
21 innovation grants special fund, into which shall be deposited:



1 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;
2 and

3 (2) All interest and earnings accruing from the investment
4 of moneys in the fund.

5 (b) Moneys in the education innovation grants special fund
6 shall be used to award grants to department schools or programs
7 that reflect the board's guiding principles and that have the
8 potential for knowledge transfer within the public school
9 system."

10 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) There shall be a principal executive department to be
13 known as the department of education, which shall be headed by a
14 policy-making board to be known as the board of education. The
15 board shall have power in accordance with law to formulate
16 statewide educational policy[7]; adopt student performance
17 standards and assessment models[7]; monitor school success[7];
18 administer the education innovation grants program and special
19 fund; and appoint the superintendent of education as the chief
20 executive officer of the public school system."



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2020-2021 to be deposited into the education innovation grants
6 special fund.

7 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the education
8 innovation grants special fund the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2020-2021 for the education innovation grants program.

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

14 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Education Innovation Grants Program; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Education Innovation Grants Program to support school-level innovation. Authorizes the Board of Education to adopt guiding principles and measures of success for the Grants Program and the Department of Education to implement the Grants Program. Establishes the Education Innovation Grants Special Fund. Makes appropriations. (HB413 HD2)

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