

JAN 23 2020

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has the
2 lowest voter turnout in the nation. In the 2018 general
3 election, only 52.6 per cent of the State's registered voters
4 cast a ballot. Historically, the State's lowest rate of voter
5 participation was 52.3 per cent. One long-term strategy to
6 increase voter turnout is to cultivate social and political
7 engagement among students.

8 The legislature recognizes that, in 2015, the board of
9 education adopted the college, career, and civic life framework
10 for social studies state standards. This framework uses
11 inquiry-based learning and emphasizes the application of
12 knowledge to real-world issues and concerns. The legislature
13 finds that civic education prepares and encourages students to
14 participate in the public and political life of their
15 communities and teaches issue spotting, critical thinking, and
16 problem solving.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to increase
2 students' access to civic education by:

- 3 (1) Appropriating funds to the department of education for
4 the expansion of civic education in public schools,
5 including moneys for professional development and
6 classroom resources related to the college, career,
7 and civic life framework for social studies; and
8 (2) Establishing and appropriating funds for one full-time
9 equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent civic education
10 resource teacher within the department of education.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
14 expansion of civic education in public schools, including
15 professional development and classroom resources related to the
16 college, career, and civic life framework for social studies
17 state standards.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 education for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$84,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for one
 2 full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent civic education
 3 resource teacher in the department of education to guide and
 4 train social studies teachers in all complex areas on best
 5 practices for implementing the college, career, and civic life
 6 framework for social studies state standards.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 8 education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Civic Education; Public Schools;
Appropriation

Description:

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