

1 agencies, private organizations, and individuals in establishing
2 and maintaining outdoor education and recreation programs for
3 children. Eligible applicants to the no child left inside grant
4 program shall include both existing and new programs that
5 provide outdoor education and recreation programs for children
6 in the State. Any participating school program shall be fully
7 aligned with the academic learning requirements for science in
8 the State.

9 (c) The no child left inside grant program shall be phased
10 in beginning with schools and students having the greatest needs
11 in suburban, rural, and urban areas in the State. Any grant
12 awarded shall be for outdoor education and recreation programs
13 that focus on students who:

- 14 (1) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch;
- 15 (2) Are most likely to fail academically; or
- 16 (3) Have the greatest potential to drop out of school.

17 § -3 **Priorities and award criteria.** (a) The
18 chairperson shall set priorities and develop criteria for the
19 awarding of grants to outdoor education and recreation programs.
20 Consideration shall be given to any programs that include one or
21 more of the following:



1 (1) Contribution to the reduction of academic failure and
2 dropout rates;

3 (2) Utilization of nationally accredited environmental
4 education curriculum;

5 (3) Outdoor recreation and sound nutrition programming to
6 contribute to healthy lifestyles;

7 (4) Use of a state park as a venue or the department's
8 personnel as a resource;

9 (5) Maximizing the number of participants that can be
10 served;

11 (6) Commitment to matching or in-kind resources; and

12 (7) Creation of public-private partnerships.

13 (b) Any public agency in the State may develop and
14 implement outdoor education and recreation programs.

15 (c) The chairperson may award grants to outdoor education
16 and recreation programs established by any public agency. The
17 chairperson may contract with any public or private agency or
18 person to develop and implement outdoor education and recreation
19 programs.

20 § -4 Advisory committee. (a) The chairperson shall
21 create an advisory committee to assist and advise the department



1 in the development and administration of the no child left
2 inside grant program. The advisory committee shall include the:

3 (1) Chairperson of the board of land and natural
4 resources, who shall serve as chair of the advisory
5 committee;

6 (2) Superintendent of education or the superintendent's
7 designee;

8 (3) Administrator of the department's division of forestry
9 and wildlife;

10 (4) Respective county department heads having jurisdiction
11 over county parks and recreation resources;

12 (5) Members of the business community invited to
13 participate by the chairperson;

14 (6) Representatives of outdoor organizations having a
15 focus on education invited to participate by the
16 chairperson; and

17 (7) Any other representative deemed necessary to ensure
18 representation of a cross-section of stakeholders, as
19 invited to participate by the chairperson;

20 provided that the advisory committee shall include at least one
21 member from each county.



1 (b) Advisory committee members shall serve without
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
- 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 and contracts pursuant to this
4 chapter; and

5 (2) Administration of the no child left inside grant
6 program pursuant to this chapter."

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2022-2023 to be deposited into the no child left inside
12 grant program special fund.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the no child left
14 inside grant program special fund the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2022-2023 for the administration and awarding of grants and
18 contracts pursuant to the no child left inside grant program.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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