
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUMMER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has and continues to disrupt
3 learning and adversely impact Hawaii's students, especially the
4 most vulnerable. Data for school year 2021 to 2022 show that
5 more than sixty per cent of elementary and middle school
6 students are one or two grade levels behind in their studies.
7 Students are also in need of more support to build
8 social-emotional skills and heal from trauma.

9 According to the Afterschool Alliance and National Summer
10 Learning Association, summer learning programs have a proven
11 record of providing the support that students need. In addition
12 to enriching the academic experience and providing opportunities
13 for social-emotional support, summer learning programs provide
14 healthy meals, active play, and hands-on vocational experiences.
15 Importantly, struggling students and children from low-income
16 households often experience the greatest gains from summer
17 learning programs.



1 The legislature further finds that the establishment of the
2 elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund, created
3 under federal legislation passed in response to the COVID-19
4 pandemic, has provided an unprecedented amount of funds to
5 support public schools and summer learning programs.

6 The legislature also finds, however, that the department of
7 education needs additional capacity to coordinate and support
8 efforts to accelerate learning during the summer. By
9 coordinating services and targeting the most impacted and
10 vulnerable students, the department of education can reduce or
11 eliminate redundant efforts and promote the equitable provision
12 of services. Additional capacity will also help the department
13 of education coordinate its efforts with the efforts of other
14 governmental agencies and community organizations that provide
15 summer programming for students, which, in turn, helps identify
16 gaps in summer learning opportunities.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish and fund a summer
18 learning coordinator position within the department of
19 education.

20 SECTION 2. There is established within the department of
21 education one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position



1 of summer learning coordinator to coordinate all school-based
2 summer programs for children, including but not limited to the
3 public summer school, e-school summer program, Credit Recovery
4 summer program, alternative learning summer programs, and other
5 school-based summer programs.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
9 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position
10 of summer learning coordinator within the department of
11 education.

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Education; Summer Programs; Summer Learning Coordinator;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the position of Summer Learning Coordinator within the Department of Education. Makes an appropriation to fund the position. (CD1)

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