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# 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 social-  
8   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. This position shall serve as  
2 the summer learning coordinator for the department of education  
3 and shall coordinate all school-based summer programs for  
4 children, including but not limited to the public summer school,  
5 e-school summer program, Credit Recovery summer program,  
6 alternative learning summer programs, and other school-based  
7 summer programs.

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

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

16 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 of Summer Learning Coordinator. (SD1)

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