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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVANCING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that civic engagement  
2 provides an opportunity for residents to become involved with  
3 improving their local communities and neighborhoods. In 2021,  
4 the Hawaii supreme court enacted Rule 23 to establish the  
5 commission to promote and advance civic education (PACE  
6 commission). One of the main functions of the PACE commission  
7 is to provide leadership, oversight, and initiatives to increase  
8 civic education in the community and at schools, increase  
9 citizens' knowledge about government, and to promote informed  
10 participation in government and democracy in Hawaii.

11       The legislature further finds that the public access room,  
12 an office under the legislative reference bureau, provides the  
13 public with information, equipment, facilities, and services to  
14 assist in research activities, educational outreach, and public  
15 engagement related to work with the legislature. The  
16 legislature additionally finds that the public access room is  
17 well-positioned to further civic engagement with the legislature



1 in Hawaii's schools. However, the public access room currently  
2 lacks resources to provide outreach services in addition to its  
3 current responsibilities.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide a full-  
5 time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the public access room to  
6 provide educational outreach and engagement with all schools in  
7 the State.

8 SECTION 2. 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 for  
11 the creation of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position  
12 within the public access room to provide educational outreach  
13 and engagement with all schools in the State.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the legislative  
15 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Public Access Room; Educational Outreach; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the Public Access Room to provide educational outreach and engagement with all schools in the State. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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