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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KE KULA O EHUNUIKAIMALINO.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Ke Kula ‘o  
2 ‘Ehunuikaimalino (KKOE), a department of education Hawaiian  
3 immersion school, is in high demand. KKOE was established with  
4 federal assistance under the Native Hawaiian Education Act and  
5 is federally mandated to accept all students. Currently, KKOE's  
6 student enrollment greatly exceeds the physical capacity of  
7 KKOE's campus, which is situated in Kealahou, on the island of  
8 Hawaii. Act 6, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 6),  
9 appropriated \$2,000,000 to the department of education for  
10 purposes of land acquisition to expand the KKOE campus. These  
11 funds have not yet been expended.

12           The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to  
13 address the student enrollment, capacity, and expansion needs of  
14 KKOE, and develop a plan to utilize the funds appropriated under  
15 Act 6.

16           SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Ke Kula ‘o  
17 ‘Ehunuikaimalino working group to explore and plan measures to



1 address the student enrollment, capacity, and expansion needs of  
2 KKOE, and utilize the funds appropriated under Act 6, Session  
3 Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 6).

4 (b) The working group, guided by the mission of KKOE and  
5 the December 20, 2018, draft Department of Education Facility  
6 Master Plan--Hawaii District Needs Priority report, shall  
7 explore and develop a plan to address the student enrollment,  
8 capacity, and expansion needs of KKOE, and utilize the funds  
9 appropriated under Act 6. This plan shall identify, address,  
10 and make recommendations, as appropriate, on the following:

11 (1) Current student enrollment figures, future student  
12 enrollment projections, and resulting physical  
13 capacity needs of KKOE, at present and in the future;

14 (2) Options to address capacity needs without physical  
15 expansion of the KKOE campus, if and to the extent  
16 practicable;

17 (3) Options to utilize the funds appropriated under Act 6;

18 (4) Potential land acquisition targets, and for each  
19 target, identify and address:

20 (A) Due diligence matters;



- 1 (B) Options for structuring the acquisition or
- 2 acquisitions; and
- 3 (C) Circumstances that could delay or hinder the
- 4 acquisition and development of potential land
- 5 acquisition targets, including community
- 6 concerns, environmental issues, permitting
- 7 requirements, and any other reasonably
- 8 foreseeable obstacles, and measures to address
- 9 the same;
- 10 (5) Options for additional funding, if any, to address the
- 11 enrollment, capacity, and expansion needs of KKOE;
- 12 (6) Anticipated acquisition and development timelines;
- 13 (7) Near and long-term actions to address the enrollment,
- 14 capacity, and expansion needs of KKOE, and utilize the
- 15 funds appropriated under Act 6; and
- 16 (8) Any other issues that may arise, pursuant to the
- 17 discretion of the working group.
- 18 (c) The working group shall consist of at least the
- 19 following members:



- 1           (1) The member of the senate representing the applicable  
2           geographic area, who shall serve as the chair of the  
3           working group;
- 4           (2) The complex area superintendent of the Hawai'i District  
5           Honoka'a Kealakehe Kohala Konawaena Complex Area, or  
6           their designee, who shall serve as a co-vice chair of  
7           the working group;
- 8           (3) The principal of KKOE, or their designee, who shall  
9           serve as a co-vice chair of the working group;
- 10          (4) One member of the KKOE administrative staff who is not  
11          the principal;
- 12          (5) One member of the KKOE teaching staff;
- 13          (6) One representative of Hui Mākua;
- 14          (7) One representative of the student body; and
- 15          (8) Any other individual designated by the chairperson or  
16          co-chairpersons.
- 17          (d) The working group may request information and  
18          assistance from the department of education, department of land  
19          and natural resources, and the department of the attorney  
20          general to provide expertise and assist the working group in  
21          addressing matters within the purview of the working group.



1 (e) The working group shall meet at places and times  
2 determined by the chair, and shall report its findings and  
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
5 the regular session of 2023.

6 (f) The members of the working group shall serve without  
7 compensation but shall be reimbursed for the expenses, including  
8 travel expenses, reasonably and necessarily incurred for the  
9 performance of their duties.

10 (g) No member of the working group shall be subject to  
11 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the  
12 member's participation in the working group.

13 (h) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2023.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
17 costs associated with the working group established under  
18 section 2 of this Act.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Public Schools; Department of Education; Hawaiian Language Immersion; Kaiapuni Schools; Olelo Hawaii; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a working group to address the student enrollment, capacity, and expansion needs of Ke Kula 'o 'Ehunuikaimalino, and develop a plan to utilize funds previously appropriated by the Legislature. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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