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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO A SCHOOL SUPPLY SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Title I, Part A, of  
2 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the  
3 Every Student Succeeds Act (Title I), provides federal financial  
4 assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high  
5 percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure  
6 educational success. The legislature further finds that a pilot  
7 program to subsidize school supplies for schools composed  
8 entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I would  
9 be useful to identify methods for relieving the financial burden  
10 of education on low-income families.

11       As a school composed entirely of students eligible for  
12 participation in Title I, the legislature identifies Na‘alehu  
13 elementary school for a pilot program. The legislature further  
14 finds that many students who attend Na‘alehu elementary school  
15 live in rural areas across Ka‘ū and experience geographical  
16 challenges, such as limited opportunities and isolation from  
17 educational resources.



1       The legislature further finds that, based on the school  
2 supplies list for the 2021-2022 school year at Na‘alehu  
3 elementary school and the average cost of school supplies at  
4 local stores, the cost for school supplies by grade are as  
5 follows: grade one, \$4,451.58; grade two, \$1,605.86; grade  
6 three, \$3,646.08; grade four, \$5,186.94; grade five, \$4,913.63;  
7 and grade six, \$3,969.

8       The legislature additionally finds that, despite the  
9 current economic situation, Hawai‘i's schools should focus  
10 resources on retaining and developing those qualified teachers,  
11 support staff, and administrators who collaborate to create and  
12 sustain the successful learning environments necessary to  
13 graduate every student.

14       The purpose of this Act is to establish and make an  
15 appropriation for a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program  
16 at Na‘alehu elementary school.

17       SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year,  
18 the department of education shall establish and implement a one-  
19 year school supply subsidy pilot program at Na‘alehu elementary  
20 school.



1 (b) The department of education shall submit a report of  
2 its findings and recommendations regarding the school supply  
3 subsidy pilot program, including any proposed legislation, to  
4 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
5 of the regular session of 2024.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to  
9 establish and implement a one-year school supply subsidy pilot  
10 program at Na'alehu elementary school.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and  
14 shall be repealed on January 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2893

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Pilot Program; School Supplies; Naalehu Elementary School; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program at Naalehu Elementary School. Appropriates funds. Repeals on 1/1/2024.

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