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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that professional  
2 development for teachers is a vital way to ensure our teachers  
3 can use the best, research-based educational practices within  
4 their classrooms. To provide our students with the best  
5 education possible, our teachers must be provided with the  
6 opportunity to receive adequate training. In particular,  
7 job-embedded professional development can often prove to be more  
8 effective than stand-alone training sessions.

9       In the collectively-bargained agreement between the Hawaii  
10 State Board of Education and the Hawaii State Teachers  
11 Association that expired on June 30, 2021, there was a  
12 memorandum of understanding that allowed for twenty-one  
13 additional hours to be added to the teachers' workday without  
14 students. Those twenty-one hours were to be used for  
15 job-embedded professional development to provide benefits,  
16 including a formalized structure for organizing training and  
17 learning time, reducing the need for substitute teachers, and



1 eliminating teacher absences from classes for training.

2 However, the memorandum of understanding expired on June 30,  
3 2021, and because funding was not available, the memorandum of  
4 understanding was not renewed.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for fiscal  
6 year 2022-2023 for twenty-one additional hours of professional  
7 development for teachers to replace the professional development  
8 hours that were lost when the memorandum of understanding  
9 expired and was not renewed.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$16,600,000 or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
13 the funding of twenty-one hours of professional development for  
14 teachers.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 education.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Professional Development; Teachers

**Description:**

Provides an appropriation for the Department of Education to provide twenty-one additional hours of professional development for teachers. (SD1)

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