
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that after-school
2 programming provides important learning and enrichment
3 opportunities for Hawaii's youth while allowing parents to
4 maintain employment. After-school programs keep students safe,
5 offer additional learning support, and provide parents peace of
6 mind that their children are constructively engaged.

7 The legislature further finds that after-school programs
8 are particularly needed for middle and intermediate school
9 students. The intermediate years are important for reversing
10 high school drop-out rates and ensuring students remain engaged
11 in their education and community. The R.E.A.C.H. initiative,
12 which stands for "resources for enrichment, athletics, culture,
13 and health" was established in 2013 to meet the need for
14 dedicated after-school programs for public middle and
15 intermediate school students and uses a community-based
16 approach. The R.E.A.C.H. initiative utilizes state funds and



1 partners with schools, parents, and other community-based
2 organizations.

3 The legislature additionally finds that in the face of the
4 ongoing pandemic, parents and the businesses and education
5 communities continue to see after-school programs as a resource
6 to promote youth and children's growth and development, while
7 also helping parents maintain or find employment. Expanding
8 funding for after-school programs represents an upfront
9 investment in Hawaii's youth. With federal dollars already
10 being invested in after-school programs, now is the time to
11 commit to expanding access to quality after-school programs for
12 public middle and intermediate students.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
14 resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program
15 of the department of education to match the federal dollars that
16 the State receives for the 21st Century Community Learning
17 Center.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
21 the department of education's resources for enrichment,



1 athletics, culture, and health program to match federal dollars
2 that the State receives for the 21st Century Community Learning
3 Center.

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

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

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Report Title:

Department of Education; R.E.A.C.H. Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the department of education's resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program to match federal dollars that the State receives for the 21st Century Community Learning Center. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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