
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education has experienced significant growth in the demand for
3 Hawaiian language immersion education to be provided in Hawaii's
4 Kaiapuni schools. Over the past decade, enrollment has grown by
5 approximately one thousand four hundred students, yet resources
6 dedicated to supporting Kaiapuni education programming have
7 consistently declined since 2008. In response, the department
8 of education, as outlined in its 2023-2029 strategic
9 implementation plan, is taking proactive measures to address
10 this increased demand. The objective is to ensure that the
11 department of education can effectively monitor the academic
12 success of all its students, including those enrolled in any of
13 its twenty-two Kaiapuni program schools.

14 As part of Desired Outcome 1.1.4, action step 2, the
15 department of education is mandated to develop a strategic plan
16 for Kaiapuni education during the 2023-2024 school year.
17 Essential resources are required, specifically individuals



1 having the expertise in delivering classroom-level instruction
2 to Kaiapuni program students, as well as expertise in Kaiapuni
3 pedagogy and curriculum development. This expertise is crucial
4 to continue expanding and strengthening the educational
5 foundation of learning that leads to successful cultural,
6 linguistic, and academic achievement for Kaiapuni students.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to address the
8 immediate and long-term requirements in response to the growing
9 demand for Kaiapuni education access by appropriating moneys to
10 establish multiple full-time equivalent Kaiapuni staff
11 positions. The funding will support positions distributed at
12 the state level, reinforcing educational support to ensure the
13 successful cultural, linguistic, and academic achievement of
14 Kaiapuni students. Additionally, at the school level, these
15 positions will be designated to provide new Kaiapuni program
16 school sites and classrooms with the faculty necessary to
17 facilitate daily student instruction, thereby strengthening the
18 overall educational foundation.

19 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
20 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
21 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined



H.B. NO. 2074

Report Title:

DOE; Kaiapuni; Hawaiian Immersion; Positions; Appropriation;
General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

Description:

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Education for the establishment of 3 full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and 10 full-time equivalent (10.0 FTE) Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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