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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 The legislature finds that the Reinventing Education Act of 2004 (Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004) 2 3 established a weighted student formula to allocate moneys to 4 schools according to the different costs of educating students 5 with varying needs. Despite the intended equitable distribution 6 of funds, the legislature notes that the weighted student 7 formula has placed small, remote schools at a disadvantage. For 8 example, in the case of Hana high and elementary school, the 9 budgetary shortfall has resulted in the loss of several well-10 qualified teachers and has threatened the school's ability to 11 offer minimum course requirements for students to earn high 12 school diplomas. If Hana high school is unable to offer its 13 students the requisite courses for graduation, those students 14 will have to endure a nearly forty-mile, two-hour drive to the 15 next closest public high school, King Kekaulike high school. 16 The legislature further finds that despite the current

economic situation, remote schools should be funded to retain

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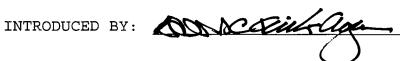
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- 1 the minimal personnel and resources necessary to allow students
- 2 to graduate. One way to address this is to allow these schools
- 3 to receive supplemental funding based on their remote status.
- 4 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize
- 5 supplemental categorical funding for remote schools.
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by adding a new section to part V, subpart B, to be
- 8 appropriately designated and to read as follows:
- 9 "§302A- Remote schools categorical funding. (a)
- 10 Subject to legislative appropriations, a remote school may
- 11 receive supplemental categorical funding to support additional
- 12 instructional and support staff.
- (b) Any supplemental categorical funding provided to a
- 14 remote school pursuant to this section shall be in addition to
- 15 the allocation determined under the weighted student formula
- 16 that is made to the remote school.
- (c) For the purpose of this section, "remote school" means
- 18 any public high school, as defined in section 302A-101, except
- 19 charter schools governed by chapter 302D, that is:
- 20 (1) Located at least a one-hour drive away from the next
- 21 nearest public high school; or



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1	(2)	Located on the island with a population of less than
2		ten thousand; provided that if the high school is
3		combined with an elementary, middle, intermediate, or
4		other lower level of schooling, that entire school
5		shall be deemed a remote school for the purpose of
6		this section; provided further that "remote school"
7		shall include Kaunakakai elementary school, Kilohana
8		elementary school, Maunaloa elementary school, and
9		Molokai middle school."
10	SECTI	CON 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11	revenues c	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12	much there	eof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
13	the same s	sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
14	year 2024-	2025 for remote schools categorical funding pursuant
15	to this Ac	t.
16	The s	sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17	of educati	on for the purposes of this Act.
18	SECTI	ON 4. New statutory material is underscored.
19	SECTI	ON 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.
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Report Title:

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Description:

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