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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SURFING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is the  
2 birthplace of the sport of surfing. Historians have documented  
3 that surfing remained a prominent cultural identity marker for  
4 Native Hawaiians throughout the nineteenth century, which saw  
5 American imperialism and the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom.  
6 Today, surfing remains significant in Hawaiian culture.

7           The legislature further finds that the Oahu Interscholastic  
8 Association (OIA) was founded to promote unity and cooperation  
9 amongst member schools in the establishment and administration  
10 of policies and regulations for implementing an interscholastic  
11 athletic program. The association stresses educational and  
12 cultural values, promotes skills in competitive activities, and  
13 fosters sportsmanship and mutual respect. Although it offers  
14 competition in over twenty-one sports, surfing is not among  
15 them. Funding is therefore needed to support the addition of  
16 surfing as a competitive sport within the OIA.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
2 funds to the department of education to establish surfing  
3 competitions at a minimum of eight participating OIA schools to  
4 ensure the representation of the indigenous sport of surfing.

5           SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
8 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
9 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
10 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$  
11 or           per cent. This current declaration takes into account  
12 general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2024-2025  
13 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act only. The  
14 reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are  
15 that:

- 16           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
17           serve the public interest; and  
18           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
19           addressed by this Act.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$45,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the  
4 establishment of surfing competitions at a minimum of eight Oahu  
5 Interscholastic Association member schools, to be allocated as  
6 follows:

- 7 (1) \$40,000 for surfing competitions; and
- 8 (2) \$5,000 for coach training.

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

11 SECTION 4. Beginning with fiscal year 2024-2025 and each  
12 fiscal year thereafter, the department of education shall  
13 include in its annual budget request line-item funding for  
14 future appropriations for surfing competitions at a minimum of  
15 eight Oahu Interscholastic Association member schools.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 2328

**Report Title:**

Native Hawaiian Caucus; DOE; Surfing Competitions; Oahu Interscholastic Association; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Department of Education to establish surfing competitions at a minimum of eight Oahu Interscholastic Association member schools.

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