
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that out of the two
2 hundred fifty-eight public elementary, middle, and high schools
3 throughout the State, only seventy-five have a full-time or
4 part-time librarian position filled to support student learning
5 in 2025.

6 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 7 (1) Establish a two-year pilot program for two certified
8 librarians to provide rotating support services to
9 schools in one school complex on Oahu and one school
10 complex on a neighbor island; and
11 (2) Appropriate funds for the positions.

12 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
13 of education a two-year pilot program for two certified
14 librarians to provide rotating support services to one school
15 complex on Oahu and one school complex on a neighbor island.
16 The department of education shall determine which school
17 complexes shall be part of the pilot program.



1 (b) The department of education shall submit a report to
2 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
3 of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027. Each report shall
4 include findings and recommendations, including any proposed
5 legislation, about the pilot project established pursuant to
6 subsection (a). The report submitted prior to the convening of
7 the regular session of 2027 shall make a recommendation as to
8 whether the pilot project should be extended.

9 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
10 2027.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$132,308 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2026-2027 for the establishment of two twelve-month state
16 office-level teacher positions under the department of education
17 for the pilot program established pursuant to section 2 of this
18 Act; provided that the funds appropriated shall be allocated as
19 follows:



- 1 (1) \$66,154 for one twelve-month state office-level
2 teacher position, to be filled by a certified
3 librarian, for a school complex on Oahu; and
4 (2) \$66,154 for one twelve-month state office-level
5 teacher position, to be filled by a certified
6 librarian, for a school complex on a neighbor island.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
8 of education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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H.B. NO. 961

Report Title:

Education; DOE; Two-year Librarian Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a two-year librarian pilot program to serve one school complex on Oahu and one school complex on a neighbor island.

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