
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL SPORTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the healthy
2 development of the State's keiki is a top priority. Youth
3 sports play a huge role in the social and physical development
4 of many keiki in Hawaii. Every weekend there are many different
5 sports leagues taking part in every area of the State. These
6 leagues are more than just about keiki having fun, but they
7 provide students with the opportunity to find a sense of
8 community and identity. The life skills and relationships built
9 through team sports provide students with structure and
10 leadership that discourage mischievous activities.

11 The legislature further finds a dire need to create a
12 supplemental sports program to accommodate the growing number of
13 high school students in West Oahu. There has been an increase
14 in the enrollment in West Oahu public schools with the
15 population shift over the last decade which has resulted in a
16 swelling of the populations in West Oahu. With larger
17 enrollments, more students are getting cut from high school



1 sports teams. Students in schools with higher enrollment should
2 have an equal opportunity to participate in sports and earn
3 college athletic scholarships. Accordingly, the purpose of this
4 Act is to require the department of education to implement a
5 supplemental sports program for high school students in West
6 Oahu.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended
8 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
9 read as follows:

10 "§302A- Supplemental sports program. (a) There is
11 created under the department of education a supplemental sports
12 program for high school students in west Oahu, an area which
13 encompasses Waipahu through Makaua and through the south shore
14 communities of Iroquois Point through Kapolei.

15 (b) The supplemental sports program shall be available to
16 any student attending any high school in west Oahu, without
17 regard to whether the high school is public, private, charter,
18 or home school.

19 (c) The department of education shall implement the
20 supplemental sports program at each public high school in west
21 Oahu with more than two thousand five hundred students. The



1 department shall designate one personnel at each such school to
2 coordinate the program, including but not limited to ensuring
3 the availability of school facilities for program events.

4 (d) The department shall inform all students of the option
5 to participate in the supplemental sports program. Composition
6 of the program teams shall be based on the number of
7 participants and not be limited by the participants' school of
8 enrollment.

9 (e) The supplemental sports program shall be authorized to
10 use existing school facilities in west Oahu. The existing
11 athletic programs shall make a good-faith effort to make the
12 facilities available for the program.

13 (f) Sports to be included in the supplemental sports
14 program include but are not limited to football, basketball,
15 volleyball, baseball, tennis, swimming, water polo, cross
16 country, softball, and track & field.

17 (g) The supplemental sports program shall have teams
18 divided by biological gender for each sport.

19 (h) The department shall adopt rules under chapter 91 to
20 carry out the purposes of this section."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2026-2027 to establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)
6 positions to implement the program.

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

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the Department of Education to implement a supplemental sports program for high school students in West Oahu.

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