
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 financial education
2 is a lifelong learning process that empowers individuals to plan
3 for their futures. Historically, the education system has
4 assumed that students learn important financial skills from
5 their families. However, not all students are taught the
6 financial skills they will need to be successful later in life.

7 The legislature further finds that a lack of financial
8 literacy poses a significant barrier for individuals seeking to
9 achieve financial prosperity and stability. Personal financial
10 education is essential to ensure that Hawaii's youth are
11 prepared to manage money, credit, and debt and to become
12 responsible workers, heads of households, investors,
13 entrepreneurs, business leaders, and citizens.

14 The purpose of this Act is to require the board of
15 education to adopt and enact a policy by the 2026-2027 school
16 year directing department of education public schools to



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1 incorporate financial literacy education in the school's
2 curriculum.

3 SECTION 2. The board of education shall adopt and enact a
4 policy by the 2026-2027 school year directing public schools
5 under the jurisdiction of the department of education to
6 incorporate financial literacy education in the school's
7 curriculum.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY:


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Report Title:

Board of Education; Public Schools; Financial Literacy

Description:

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