
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTS EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that access to high-
2 quality arts education supports student engagement, academic
3 success, and whole-child development. The legislature further
4 finds that the state foundation on culture and the arts' artists
5 in the schools program provides meaningful arts learning
6 experiences by embedding professional artists in classrooms to
7 serve students across the public and public charter school
8 system.

9 The artists in the schools program directly aligns with the
10 state foundation on culture and the arts' mission to foster
11 cultural literacy and community engagement by delivering high-
12 quality arts education to underserved students. By embedding
13 professional artists in classrooms, the program supports the
14 development of critical twenty-first century skills, including
15 creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, that are
16 essential for future workforce success and engaged citizenship.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds to the state foundation on culture and the arts to fund
3 the artists in the schools program.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$220,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to fund
7 the artists in the schools program.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
9 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Arts Education; Artists in the Schools; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the Artists in the Schools program.

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