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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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

1        SECTION 1. The legislature finds that high-quality  
2    educators are crucial to the wellbeing of Hawaii's keiki and  
3    communities. As such, the legislature continues to strive  
4    towards attracting and retaining high-quality educators as well  
5    as further acknowledging their ongoing success.

6        The legislature further finds that addressing teacher  
7    recognition is critical to ensuring access to high-quality  
8    learning opportunities for all students in Hawaii.

9        The legislature therefore finds that providing a financial  
10   award for exemplary performance would help demonstrate further  
11   appreciation for their efforts.

12       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide  
13   educators that are recognized by the legislature, during  
14   education week, in demonstrating excellence in teaching,  
15   leadership, and service with a monetary increase of five  
16   thousand dollars in their salaries for each year of recognition,  
17   subject to available funds.

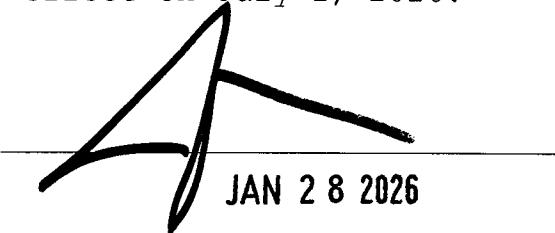


1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
4 the department of education to provide monetary awards of five  
5 thousand dollars for educators who are recognized in a given  
6 year by the legislature via a congratulatory document during  
7 education week for their accomplishments, excellence in  
8 teaching, leadership, and service.

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

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

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# H.B. NO. 2565

**Report Title:**

DOE; Education Week; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to provide monetary awards to educators who are recognized by the legislature, during education week, for their accomplishments, excellence in teaching, leadership, and service.

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