
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of education shall
2 establish a one-year student-authored book publication pilot
3 program in which students research, write, and publish original
4 works. The pilot program shall be designed to strengthen
5 literacy, analytical thinking, and communication skills;
6 increase student engagement and confidence; support students'
7 academic progression and preparation for postsecondary
8 education; and foster connections to culture and community.

9 (b) The student-authored book publication pilot program
10 may be conducted at Kalihi public elementary schools and made
11 available to students in grade five; provided that the pilot
12 program shall be integrated into the existing grade five
13 curricula of participating schools as a capstone.

14 (c) Under the student-authored book publication pilot
15 program:



- 1 (1) Each teacher may select a topic for their grade five
2 class relating to Hawaiian culture or the local
3 community;
- 4 (2) Each student shall write and illustrate a book on the
5 selected topic; provided that the dimensions and
6 length of the book shall be determined by the
7 department of education according to available funds;
8 and
- 9 (3) The department of education shall facilitate the
10 collection, printing, binding, and return of the
11 student-authored books.
- 12 (d) The department of education shall contract with a
13 third party pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
14 to implement the student-authored book publication pilot
15 program.
- 16 (e) The department of education shall submit a report on
17 the student-authored book publication pilot program to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 the regular session of 2028. The report shall include:



- 1 (1) Assessments of the pilot program's implementation,
- 2 student outcomes, and the feasibility of continuing or
- 3 expanding the pilot program; and
- 4 (2) Additional findings, recommendations, and any proposed
- 5 legislation.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
9 the establishment of the student-authored book publication pilot
10 program.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOE; Student-Authored Book Publication Pilot Program; Kalihi;
Grade Five; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to establish a one-year Student-Authored Book Publication Pilot Program. Authorizes the Pilot Program to be conducted for fifth graders at Kalihi public elementary schools to be integrated into existing curricula. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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