

ACT 99

S.B. NO. 1373

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Education: Making Supplementary Appropriations Out of General Revenues to Cover Certain Deficiencies for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose. Act 10, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1977, First Special Session, appropriated certain designated sums to the department of education to provide educational services to the children in the public schools for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1978 and ending June 30, 1979.

To the best of its ability, the department is trying to operate within the appropriated amounts for the the fiscal year 1978-1979. In trying to balance its budget, the department has gone so far as to impose a blanket freeze on the filling of new and vacant positions. But even with such extreme austerity controls, there are insufficient funds to pay for the salaries of all the positions authorized and needed.

To prevent a termination of vital education services, it is urgent that additional moneys be appropriated. The governor and the director of finance concur that there is a shortage and recommend this bill for immediate passage.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to the appropriations made for the same programs by any other act, the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to the department of education for the fiscal year 1978-1979, for the following programs from the state general fund:

EDN 105 Regular Instruction	\$1,000,000
EDN 307 Physical Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$ 500,000

SECTION 3. Lapsing of Appropriation. All unexpended and unencumbered balances of the appropriations made by this Act as of the close of business on June 30, 1979, shall lapse into the general fund of the State.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 1979.)