

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Education.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. It is the legislature's intention to fully fund the fiscal year 2000-2001 emergency appropriation requested by each department affected by the *Felix v. Cayetano* consent decree. Funding for fiscal biennium 2001-2003 is dependent upon monetary needs demonstrated and is reflected in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal biennium 2001-2003.

As the executive branch has submitted written requests for the specific amounts which it believes are necessary for them to meet the *Felix* decree, it is expected that with the passage of *Felix* emergency appropriation bills for each department and the budget bill, the departments will meet their obligations under the consent decree in a timely manner for this year and for fiscal year 2001-2002.

By written communication submitted by the superintendent of education to the committee on finance of the house of representatives dated March 19, 2001, the department of education requested an appropriation of \$27,931,118 in connection with the *Felix* decree, as an emergency appropriation.

The purpose of this Act is to fully fund that request, as part of the full funding for all the departments' *Felix* needs for this and the coming fiscal year.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$27,931,118 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2000-2001 for the comprehensive school support services program (EDN 150).

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

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

(Approved May 2, 2001.)