

ACT 281

S.B. NO. 688

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that preparing and planning for Hawaii's future in the twenty-first century is complex and multifaceted. The education of Hawaii's youth, including early childhood through K-12 schooling to college and career and work force training, continues to be of critical importance. The legislature believes that the vision and plans for education and schools at mid-century cannot be initiated too early, and therefore the legislature supports the Hawaii P-20 initiative. The initiative is a consortium of public and private educators, governmental officials, and community leaders working together to improve learner achievement in Hawaii.

The purpose of this Act is to provide the impetus to develop the vision and plans for education in Hawaii for the twenty-first century by funding the Hawaii P-20 Initiative.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii P-20 initiative council shall develop and initiate plans for education in Hawaii in the twenty-first century, including identifying contributors and planners; creating a vision, goals, objectives, and timelines; and organizing meetings and electronic communication. The general goals of the council shall be to ensure an engaged, responsible, and productive citizenry in Hawaii in the twenty-first century that is the expected result of an education system and schools that are coordinated and articulated from earliest teaching to career and workforce preparation and that promote lifelong learning.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the Hawaii P-20 Initiative to develop and initiate plans for education in Hawaii in the twenty-first century.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Hawaii P-20 initiative council shall prepare progress reports for the legislature no later than the last day of each calendar year for which it is funded by this and future Acts.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

(Became law on July 10, 2007, without the Governor's signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)