
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that student exchange
2 programs involving students in Hawaii's schools provide the
3 opportunity to learn first-hand the cultures of other countries
4 of the world. These exchanges foster and sustain good
5 relationships and cultural interaction between foreign countries
6 and the State of Hawaii. The State currently has a student
7 exchange program with Japan's Okinawa prefecture, which has
8 demonstrated the benefits and cost-effectiveness of these
9 programs over its fifteen-year existence.

10 Implementing a similar student-and-faculty exchange program
11 between the State and its sister provinces in the Republic of
12 the Philippines would provide a more concrete and viable
13 connection between the State and those provinces than a mere
14 relationship on paper. Officials in the Republic of the
15 Philippines have expressed a strong interest in developing
16 student exchange programs. The establishment of such a program
17 at this time would be particularly appropriate since this year
18 marks the Filipino Centennial Celebration, the one-hundredth



1 anniversary of the arrival of Filipinos to Hawaii that honors
2 the achievements and contributions Filipinos have made to the
3 state. Hawaii and the Philippines have a long history of close
4 relations and connections. A student-and-faculty exchange
5 program between Hawaii and the Philippines would strengthen an
6 already close cultural, social, and economic relationship
7 between the State and the Philippines.

8 SECTION 2. The department of education, in consultation
9 with the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and the
10 University of Hawaii, shall develop a student and faculty
11 exchange program with the State's sister provinces in the
12 Republic of the Philippines involving public and private schools
13 in Hawaii and students and faculty in schools in the
14 Philippines. The department shall also consult with the various
15 Filipino communities and organizations in the planning and
16 implementation of the exchange program. The program shall be
17 implemented by the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

18 SECTION 3. The department shall submit a report to the
19 legislature of its findings and recommendations on the creation,
20 implementation, and maintenance of a student-and-faculty
21 exchange program between Hawaii and the State's sister provinces
22 in the Republic of the Philippines no later than twenty days



1 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007 and 2008,
2 if necessary to update the legislature on the status of the
3 program's intended implementation.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to develop
7 and implement a student-and-faculty exchange program with the
8 State's sister provinces in the Republic of the Philippines
9 involving public and private schools in Hawaii and students and
10 faculty in schools in the Philippines.

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

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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HD1

Report Title:

Education; Student-and-Faculty Exchange Program with Philippines

Description:

Directs the department of education, in consultation with a variety of other organizations, to develop and implement a student-and-faculty exchange program between Hawaii and the Philippines. (HB3258 HD1)

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