
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION.

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

1 PART I.

2 SECTION 1. Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, also known
3 as the Reinventing Education Act of 2004, instituted a new
4 method of educational funding under the weighted student
5 formula, which departed radically from the previous method of
6 funds allocation based on school enrollment. However, such
7 substantial change can cause some uncertainty and discomfort
8 during the transitional period.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this part is to establish a
10 weighted student formula conversion program to provide
11 supplementary funds to help ease schools' transition into the
12 new spending method under the weighted student formula. The
13 legislature in no way intends for this appropriation of funds to
14 represent a bailout, and remains committed to ensuring the
15 success of the weighted student formula.

16 SECTION 2. There is established in the department of
17 education a weighted student formula conversion program for the
18 purpose of disbursing supplementary funds to help public schools



1 transition into the new spending method under the weighted
2 student formula established pursuant to Act 51, Session Laws of
3 Hawaii 2004. The weighted student formula conversion program
4 shall be administered by the department of education, which
5 shall create program guidelines; provided that:

6 (1) Only schools that experience a reduced level of
7 funding due to the implementation of the weighted
8 student formula may apply for program funds;

9 (2) Program moneys shall be used for the purpose of
10 maximizing student achievement through enhancing
11 educational outcomes noted in Act 51, Session Laws of
12 Hawaii 2004, and shall be expended to support
13 activities as outlined in the school's strategic plan
14 and academic and financial plan; and

15 (3) A school, at the discretion of the superintendent of
16 education, may receive these moneys for not more than
17 three years beginning with the 2006-2007 school year;
18 provided that the school demonstrates:

19 (A) Adequate yearly progress as defined by the
20 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001;

21 (B) Sufficient growth or progress toward meeting
22 adequate yearly progress; or



1 (C) Compliance with the department's weighted student
2 formula conversion personnel management plan.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
6 help ease schools' transition into the new spending method under
7 the weighted student formula.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
11 the purpose of establishing a weighted student formula
12 conversion program in the department of education to provide
13 supplementary funds to help ease schools' transition into the
14 new spending method under the weighted student formula
15 established pursuant to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

16 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
17 department of education for the purposes of this part.

18 PART II.

19 SECTION 6. The purpose of this part is to ensure that
20 public schools receive the funds they need to provide quality
21 education to our students. Specifically, this part appropriates
22 funds for:



- 1 (1) Classroom supplies;
- 2 (2) Textbooks;
- 3 (3) Resources that will guide students on their path to
- 4 higher education;
- 5 (4) Special education needs;
- 6 (5) English as a second language services; and
- 7 (6) Information technology needs.

8 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,400,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to provide
11 \$200 debit cards to each of twelve thousand teachers to purchase
12 classroom supplies.

13 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
16 science textbooks and classroom science equipment.

17 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$175,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
20 Preliminary SAT testing for all tenth graders.

21 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
2 advanced placement teacher training, test costs, and classroom
3 materials.

4 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$17,295,867 or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
7 special education needs, including for occupational therapists,
8 physical therapists, special education teachers, speech language
9 pathologists, nursing for the medically fragile, and school-
10 based behavioral health services.

11 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
14 information technology to help the department of education
15 streamline and raise the automation level of its key operational
16 processes.

17 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,193,669 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
20 English as a second language services, including instruction,
21 transitional bilingual support, and multicultural educational
22 services.



1 SECTION 14. Sums appropriated under this part shall be in
2 addition to any other funds that may be appropriated for the
3 same purposes.

4 SECTION 15. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
5 department of education for the purposes of this part.

6 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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HD1

Report Title:

Education; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for a weighted student formula conversion program that provides supplementary funds to help schools transition into the new spending method under the weighted student formula. Appropriates funds for various other educational needs. (SB3195 HD1)

