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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Congress established
2 the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program in
3 1916 with the broad mandate to teach young people the value of
4 citizenship, leadership, community service, and personal
5 responsibility. JROTC programs, which are organized and
6 operated through the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps,
7 are taught as elective courses at more than three thousand high
8 schools nationwide. JROTC courses are led by retired military
9 personnel who motivate young people to be better citizens by
10 preparing them for responsible leadership roles while making
11 them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as
12 citizens. Unlike college-level ROTC programs, JROTC programs do
13 not obligate participating students to join the military.

14 A recent study conducted by the Center for Strategic and
15 International Studies, a private, nonpartisan, policy-research
16 institute, found that JROTC programs strengthen our youth,
17 communities, and nation by nurturing individualism in the
18 service of a common cause. JROTC programs develop skills in



1 self-discipline, teamwork, motivation, and confidence in young
2 people, all of which act to decrease school-related disciplinary
3 problems for many participating students. JROTC programs do not
4 promote militaristic anti-individualism.

5 While highly-touted demonstration projects and pilot
6 programs geared toward youth development come and go with
7 regrettable regularity, the JROTC program remains the oldest and
8 largest time-tested public enterprise engaged in positive and
9 successful youth development. The JROTC program at Baldwin High
10 School is an exceptionally successful JROTC program, which has
11 been an honor unit with distinction for ten years in a row.
12 This year enrollment jumped from 157 students to 212, and an
13 additional instructor is needed.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
15 funds to establish an additional instructor position for the
16 Army JROTC program at Baldwin High School.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$40,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to create
20 and establish an additional instructor position for the Army
21 JROTC program at Baldwin High School.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

JROTC

Description:

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