
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TEACHER CADET PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii continues to
2 have a critical shortage of trained teachers for the public
3 school system. In order to address the teacher shortage,
4 members of the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers initiated the
5 teacher cadet program, which began in the 2004-2005 school year
6 with the participation of the Kamehameha Schools and five public
7 schools: Campbell, Farrington, Kaimuki, and Kapolei high
8 schools and Kahuku intermediate and high school. The program is
9 modeled after a program in South Carolina that has been
10 successful for the past twenty years in educating high school
11 students in teaching, monitoring them in college, and obtaining
12 jobs for students in the public school system.

13 The Hawaii program was developed to be a yearlong elective
14 course aimed at high school seniors. The program is targeted
15 for students who are specifically interested in exploring
16 education as a career option. The program provides students
17 with information, field experiences, and insights into teaching
18 in Hawaii schools and guides and supports Hawaii's future



1 teachers to ensure success in their chosen profession.
 2 Participants also benefit from adult mentors who help them with
 3 college applications and financial planning.

4 The purpose of this Act is to encourage and support high
 5 school students who want to make a career of teaching in Hawaii
 6 public schools.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000, or so much
 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
 10 operations to include recruitment, retention, training, and
 11 teacher support of the teacher cadet program.

12 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be deposited into
 13 the Hawaii teacher cadet program fund for the purposes of this
 14 Act, provided that the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers match
 15 the amount as provided in section 302A-401.5, Hawaii Revised
 16 Statutes.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
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Description:

Appropriates matching funds for the teacher cadet program.

