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S.B. NO. 2059

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that interscholastic
2 athletic programs can pull into the school community those
3 students who are without parental support and those who are on
4 the fringes. They create an opportunity to bridge the gap
5 between academics and sports. An interscholastic athletic
6 program at the intermediate school level that involves high
7 school students can also provide a forum for the participation
8 of high school students that fosters such skills as teaching,
9 guidance, and care of others while assisting younger students.

10 The purpose of this Act is to establish an intermediate
11 school interscholastic athletic program that will expose
12 participating students to new social situations, permit them to
13 learn new skills in the sport of their choice, and provide an
14 opportunity to make new friends from their school and the
15 schools they compete against.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall
17 establish an interscholastic athletic program at every public
18 intermediate school. The program at each school shall be placed



1 under the supervision of a physical education teacher. The
2 physical education teacher shall perform the duties of an
3 athletic director and shall be provided with one period of the
4 school day devoted to the coordination of the program. The
5 physical education teacher shall be responsible for:

- 6 (1) Hiring coaches, preferably from the ranks of
7 intermediate school teachers who are very familiar
8 with the sport;
- 9 (2) Collaborating with coaches on the purchase of
10 equipment and supplies;
- 11 (3) Arranging a schedule for competition;
- 12 (4) Arranging bus transportation for competition; and
- 13 (5) Completing paperwork and other tasks similar to what a
14 high school athletic director performs.

15 (b) The physical education teacher and head coaches shall
16 hire high school student mentors in the sport they are coaching.

17 (c) The course of instruction shall be created by the
18 physical education teacher, the head coach of the sport being
19 taught, and the mentors for that sport.

20 (d) The program shall include the following sports: cross-
21 country, volleyball, basketball, track and field, and soccer.

22 The program for each sport shall operate for a six-week season



1 that shall include two weeks of physical conditioning, skill
2 building, learning the rules of the game, and a competition
3 phase with nearby intermediate schools.

4 (e) Because many intermediate schools lack proper indoor
5 facilities for basketball and volleyball, teams playing at this
6 level can accomplish a great deal playing out doors weather
7 permitting. Other facilities within walking distance of the
8 intermediate school may be used when they are available.

9 Soccer, cross-country, and track and field practices shall take
10 place on all intermediate school campuses. Soccer matches and
11 cross-country competitions shall be held at all intermediate
12 schools. Track and field competitions shall be held at high
13 school campuses.

14 (f) The intermediate school interscholastic athletic
15 program seasons shall run as follows:

- 16 (1) Soccer: August to September;
- 17 (2) Cross- Country: October to November;
- 18 (3) Basketball: December to January;
- 19 (4) Track and Field: March to April; and
- 20 (5) Volleyball: May to June.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much

1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
2 intermediate school interscholastic athletic program as provided
3 by this Act.

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

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Interscholastic Athletics; Public Intermediate Schools

Description:

Establishes interscholastic athletic program at public intermediate schools. Appropriates funds for program.

