
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 Hawaiian immersion
2 schooling is a state educational priority. Yet, for students
3 attending Kauai's only department of education public Hawaiian
4 immersion school, Ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii o Kapaa, those who
5 live outside of the Kapaa district have no access to
6 state-funded bus service. Many students have been forced to
7 find alternative means of transportation to and from school,
8 which can be unsafe. The transportation difficulties facing
9 these students have resulted in a decline in enrollment and
10 attendance.

11 The purpose of this Act is to prevent declining enrollment
12 and attendance at Ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii o Kapaa on Kauai by
13 providing moneys to support an island-wide bus service for
14 students attending the Hawaiian immersion school.

15 SECTION 2. Section 302A-406, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "~~§~~302A-406~~§~~ **Transportation of school children.** (a)
18 The department may provide suitable transportation to and from



1 school and for educational field trips for all children in
2 grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education classes.
3 The department shall adopt such policy, procedure, and program
4 as it deems necessary to provide suitable transportation. In
5 formulating the policy, procedure, and program, the department
6 shall consider the school district; the school attendance area
7 in which a school child normally resides; the distance the
8 school child lives from the school; the availability of public
9 carriers or other means of transportation; the frequency,
10 regularity, and availability of public transportation; and the
11 grade level, physical handicap, or special learning disability
12 of a school child, and it may also consider such conditions and
13 circumstances unique or peculiar to a county or area.

14 (b) The department shall provide island-wide bus service
15 to and from school on the island of Kauai for students attending
16 the Hawaiian immersion school, Ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii o Kapaa.

17 [~~(b)~~] (c) The department shall adopt rules under chapter
18 91 governing the supervision and administration of the
19 transportation of school children under this section."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to carry
2 out the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
4 department of education.

5 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
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Description:

Provides island-wide bus service for the only DOE public Hawaiian immersion school on Kauai. Makes appropriation.

