
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 The department shall provide no less than fifty per cent of the
18 cost of transportation services described in this section;
19 provided that this amount shall not exceed \$37,500 per school
20 year.

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Report Title:

DOE; Schools; Students; Transportation; Hawaiian Immersion

Description:

Provides island-wide bus service for the only DOE public Hawaiian immersion school on Kauai. Makes appropriation. (SD1)

