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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 sustainable resource
2 management depends on community education and participation, and
3 that funding is inadequate to meet locally-determined
4 environmental needs. There is a need for a program to monitor
5 the impacts of upper watershed operations on Oahu, and to
6 recommend locally-appropriate best management practices for the
7 State, county, and military. The geographical areas of concern
8 are urban, agricultural, and conservation.

9 Lower watershed residents have scant data and poorly
10 formulated models on which to rely to assess and evaluate the
11 environmental impact of upper watershed operations. For
12 example, residents lack access to experts in soil science and
13 wildlife conservation, particularly in lower watershed
14 residential neighborhoods. Upper watershed operations have
15 dramatically impacted human and natural resources. Substantial
16 watershed-wide and site-specific non-point source pollution
17 exists, as evidenced by polluted and chemically polluted bodies
18 of water on Oahu such as Lake Wilson, Kaukonahua Stream, Kaiaka



1 Bay. Yet, "findings of no significant impact" are made
2 routinely, which cause alarm and concern for the lack of
3 adequate scientific assessment and of concern for the health,
4 safety, and quality of life of the area residents.

5 The purpose of this Act is to create a two-year pilot,
6 school-community-based environmental planning, monitoring,
7 education, and outreach project under the department of
8 education to address the environmental impact concerns.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is created a pilot project, to be
10 under the department of education, to develop a program of
11 school-community-based environmental planning, monitoring,
12 education, and outreach. The pilot project shall be known as
13 the school and community-based environmental planning,
14 monitoring, education, and outreach network. The project shall
15 be led by Waialua High and Intermediate School, and shall
16 include all Oahu high schools. The University of Hawaii shall
17 assist in the pilot project.

18 (b) The pilot project shall include:

19 (1) Community-relevant school and community-based science
20 programs with curricula and activities to monitor the
21 local environment and make recommendations about soil,
22 water, and plant conservation;



1 (2) Technical assistance to review, augment, and improve
 2 environmental documents to accurately reflect all
 3 watershed-wide and site-specific impacts; and

4 (3) A plan to determine and seek funding for island-wide
 5 soil, plant, and water information needs by convening
 6 engineers, planners, scientists, policy-makers, and
 7 others at an Oahu soils symposium.

8 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be repealed
 9 on June 30, 2008.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____, or so
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
 13 a pilot project to develop the school and community-based
 14 environmental planning, monitoring, education, and outreach
 15 network.

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

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

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Report Title:

Environment; Schools

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Description:

Creates a pilot program of school-community based environmental planning, monitoring, education, and outreach network to be led by Waialua High and Intermediate School; makes appropriation.

