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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a  
2 weighted student formula conversion program to provide  
3 supplementary funds for schools that are adversely affected by  
4 the weighted student formula established pursuant to Act 51,  
5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

6           SECTION 2. There is established in the department of  
7 education a weighted student formula conversion program for the  
8 purpose of disbursing funds to qualified public schools that are  
9 adversely affected by the weighted student formula established  
10 pursuant to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. The weighted  
11 student formula conversion program shall be administered by the  
12 department of education, which shall create program guidelines;  
13 provided that:

14           (1) Only schools that experience a reduced level of  
15 funding due to the implementation of the weighted  
16 school formula may apply for program funds;

17           (2) Program moneys shall be used for the purpose of  
18 maximizing student achievement through enhancing



1 educational outcomes noted in Act 51, Session Laws of  
2 Hawaii 2004, and shall be expended to support  
3 activities as outlined in the school's strategic plan  
4 and academic and financial plan; and

5 (3) A school, at the discretion of the superintendent of  
6 education, may receive these moneys for not more than  
7 three years beginning with the 2006-2007 school year,  
8 provided that the school demonstrates:

9 (A) Adequate yearly progress as defined by the  
10 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001;

11 (B) Sufficient growth or progress toward meeting  
12 adequate yearly progress; or

13 (C) Compliance with the department's weighted school  
14 formula conversion personnel management plan.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000, or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to  
18 support schools adversely affected by the conversion to the  
19 weighted student formula.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$20,000,000, or so  
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for

1 the purpose of establishing a weighted school formula conversion  
2 program in the department of education to provide supplementary  
3 funds to schools that are adversely affected by the weighted  
4 student formula established pursuant to Act 51, Session Laws of  
5 Hawaii 2004.

6 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
7 department of education for the purposes of this Act.

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

**Report Title:**

Education, Weighted Student Formula; Student Achievement

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for a weighted student formula conversion program that provides supplementary allocations to schools adversely affected by the weighted student formula. (SD1)

