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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 under the Felix  
2 stipend program and through a memorandum of agreement, special  
3 tuition waivers from the department of education are made  
4 available to qualified candidates who enroll in special  
5 education teacher preparation programs at the undergraduate,  
6 post-baccalaureate, and graduate levels. In exchange for these  
7 tuition waivers, teacher candidates agree to work for the  
8 department of education in the field of special education for a  
9 period of three to five years.

10           However, since the program's inception in 1998, there have  
11 been instances of students who have not met their contractual  
12 obligations under the Felix stipend program and have, therefore,  
13 breached their contractual agreements with the department of  
14 education.

15           The purpose of this Act is to create a special fund into  
16 which shall be deposited moneys received as repayment from  
17 students who have breached their contractual agreements under  
18 the Felix stipend program. The special fund will in turn be



1 used to provide tuition assistance to students for the Felix  
2 consent decree recruitment and retention program, or any  
3 successor programs, and related costs.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§302A- Felix stipend program special fund. (a) There  
8 is established the Felix stipend program special fund, into  
9 which shall be deposited all moneys received as repayment from  
10 students due to a breach in contractual agreements under the  
11 Felix stipend program, which offers tuition waivers for  
12 qualified candidates who enroll at the University of Hawaii in  
13 special education teacher programs at the undergraduate, post-  
14 baccalaureate, and graduate levels in exchange for employment  
15 immediately following completion of their teacher preparation  
16 program with the department for a period of three to five years.

17 (b) The special fund shall be administered and used by the  
18 department to provide ongoing funding for the provision of  
19 tuition assistance to students for the Felix consent decree  
20 recruitment and retention program, or any successor programs,  
21 and related costs."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be  
4 deposited into the Felix stipend special fund.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Felix stipend  
6 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to provide tuition  
8 assistance to students for the Felix consent decree recruitment  
9 and retention program, or any successor programs, and related  
10 costs.

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

13 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

**Report Title:**

DOE; Special Education; Felix Stipend Program Special Fund

**Description:**

Establishes the Felix stipend program special fund into which shall be deposited moneys received as repayment from students who have breached their contractual agreements under the Felix stipend program. Appropriates funds from the special fund to provide tuition assistance to students for the Felix consent decree recruitment and retention program, or any successor programs, and related costs. (SD1)

