
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIRE TEACHERS THROUGH THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
2 to raise the number of highly accomplished recent college
3 graduates teaching in underserved urban and rural communities in
4 Hawaii and to increase the number of schools and communities
5 served by the Teach For America Program.

6 This Act is intended to build a broader pipeline of
7 talented and experienced future leaders in public education and
8 education reform in Hawaii.

9 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this Act:

10 "High needs" means a school in which a substantial
11 percentage of students are eligible for free or reduced price
12 government sponsored meals.

13 "Highly qualified" has the same meaning as that term is
14 used in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
15 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).



1 SECTION 3. (a) The department of education shall use the
2 appropriation provided in this Act to acquire teachers recruited
3 under the Teach For America Program to:

4 (1) Provide ten highly qualified teachers who have pledged
5 to teach in high needs schools in Hawaii for at least
6 two years;

7 (2) Pay the cost of recruiting, selecting, training, and
8 supporting new teachers hired pursuant to this Act;
9 and

10 (3) Provide ongoing professional development activities
11 for the selected teachers in the classroom, including
12 regular classroom observations and feedback, and
13 ongoing training and support.

14 The department of education is authorized as necessary to
15 effectuate the purposes of this Act, including selecting the
16 high needs schools participating under this Act.

17 (b) The department of education and the Teach for America
18 Program shall report to the legislature twenty days prior to the
19 convening of the 2008 legislative session. The report shall
20 include:

21 (1) Data on the number and characteristics of the teachers
22 provided to schools under this Act;



1 (2) An externally conducted analysis of the satisfaction
 2 of the department of education and supervising
 3 principals with respect to the teachers hired pursuant
 4 to this Act;

5 (3) Comprehensive data on the background, training,
 6 placement sites, professional development, and the
 7 retention rate of the teachers hired under this Act;
 8 and

9 (4) A comparison of the academic achievement of students
 10 taught by teachers hired pursuant to this Act and
 11 other teachers in the same schools and positions.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to hire
 15 teachers in the Teach for America Program pursuant to this Act.

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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Description:

Makes an appropriation to hire 10 teachers from the Teach for America Program to teach in high needs schools in Hawaii.

