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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii Academy  
2 of Science is a private, not-for-profit education organization  
3 that has administered and operated the Hawaii state science and  
4 engineering fair for over fifty years. The Hawaii state science  
5 and engineering fair is a successful, innovative, and popular  
6 interscholastic education program that is open to all public  
7 school and private school secondary students.

8           The legislature further finds that all programs either  
9 currently operated or proposed by the Hawaii Academy of Science  
10 employ the concepts of experiential learning, and encourage  
11 innovative methodologies that engage students in project-based  
12 problem-solving, an important and expanding strategy to prepare  
13 the next generation of Hawaii's youth for the global economy.

14           The legislature further finds that historically, state  
15 funding has been appropriated to the department of education for  
16 the purpose of assisting the Hawaii Academy of Science in the  
17 administration and operation of the Hawaii state science and  
18 engineering fair. These moneys were used to fund salaries and



1 benefits for the staff of the Hawaii Academy of Science, as well  
2 as assist the organization in procuring the rental of the fair's  
3 venue and necessary equipment for the operation of the Hawaii  
4 state science and engineering fair, and other attendant costs.  
5 The funds were annually allocated by the department to the  
6 research corporation of the University of Hawaii, which has  
7 administered these funds on behalf of the Hawaii Academy of  
8 Science since 1990.

9       The legislature recognizes the inherent value of  
10 interscholastic academic programs provided by private  
11 not-for-profit organizations such as the Hawaii Academy of  
12 Science, as reflected in its decision during the 2007 regular  
13 session to restore state funding to the Hawaii state science and  
14 engineering fair.

15       The purpose of this Act is to appropriate sufficient  
16 funding to the department of education to provide the necessary  
17 financial assistance to the Hawaii Academy of Science for the  
18 administration and operation of all current and future  
19 interscholastic academic programs, and to increase that  
20 organization's capacity and reach to the greater community,  
21 through the development of teacher training and outreach  
22 workshops and programs, student internships, workshops,



1 seminars, and other learning opportunities to allow for the  
2 effective mentoring, counseling and guidance of students who  
3 display an interest in science, technology and engineering.

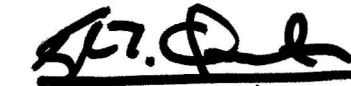
4 SECTION 2. Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is  
5 amended by amending section 70 to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 70. Provided that of the general fund  
7 appropriation for school-based budgeting (EDN 100), the sum of  
8 \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
9 2007-2008, and the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be  
10 necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009, shall be expended by the  
11 department of education for the [~~engineering and science fair,~~]  
12 Hawaii Academy of Science to assist the organization in the  
13 administration and operation of its current and future  
14 interscholastic academic programs, including outreach and  
15 training programs; and provided further that any unexpended  
16 funds shall lapse to the general fund."

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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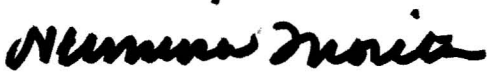
  
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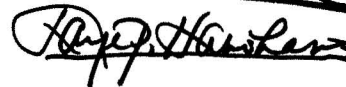
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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

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