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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILD CARE  
FACILITY AND PRESCHOOL BY SEAGULL SCHOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Seagull Schools is a  
2 private, nonprofit corporation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
3 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that has been serving Hawaii's  
4 communities by developing and operating early education and  
5 childcare facilities for thirty-five years. The legislature  
6 further finds that Seagull Schools has become one of the State's  
7 largest childcare providers, serving approximately eight hundred  
8 thirty children of mixed socio-economic backgrounds. The  
9 school's centers are located in Kailua, Kapolei, Honolulu, and  
10 Ewa beach, on the island of Oahu, and on the Kohala coast, on  
11 the island of Hawaii.

12           The legislature finds that the school's child development  
13 programs are known for their exceptional ability to provide  
14 quality care and early education at affordable rates that meet  
15 the needs of working parents. Besides having fees that are  
16 among the lowest in the State, the school also provides generous  
17 financial aid to low-income families for tuition assistance.



1           The legislature further finds that in 1999, Seagull Schools  
2 began working with the owners of the Ko Olina Resort to develop  
3 a childcare center and preschool that would provide services to  
4 Waianae coast children and children of employees that work at  
5 the resort. A capital campaign was implemented to raise  
6 construction funding for the school at Ko Olina and for an  
7 additional new school at Ewa beach. The joint campaign received  
8 funding from many sources including a grant from the State of  
9 \$1,000,000, which was then used to architecturally design both  
10 centers and complete the construction of the Ewa Beach childcare  
11 center. However, additional funding is necessary for the  
12 construction of these educational facilities.

13           The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to  
14 Seagull Schools in the construction of a childcare center and  
15 preschool in Ko Olina.

16           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   , or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2008-2009, as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii  
21 Revised Statutes, for Seagull Schools for the construction of a  
22 childcare facility and preschool in Ko Olina.

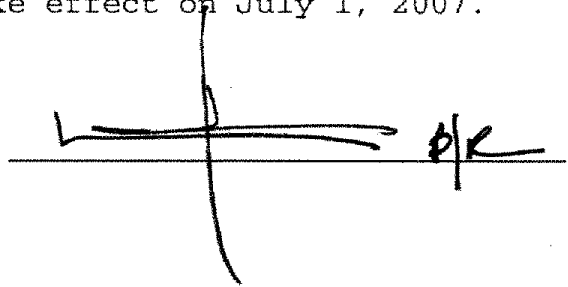


1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Grant; Seagull Schools

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for a grant to Seagull Schools for the construction of a childcare facility and preschool in Ko Olina.

