
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 fine arts curriculum
2 includes visual arts, music, chorus, drama, band, and dance.
3 Funds have been diverted from classes in the fine arts to
4 classes in what are identified as essential courses by the No
5 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

6 According to the United States Department of Education,
7 college bound junior high school students should take classes in
8 the fine arts as "[m]any colleges view participation in the arts
9 and music as a valuable experience that broadens students'
10 understanding and appreciation of the world around them."

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional funds
12 to the department of education to be used for the development,
13 renewal, and maintenance of classes in the fine arts or
14 performing arts programs or courses at the secondary school
15 level.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
2 the development, renewal, and maintenance of classes in the fine
3 arts or performing arts programs or courses at the secondary
4 school level; provided that:

5 (1) The sum appropriated shall be in addition to and shall
6 not replace any other funds included within the budget
7 of the department of education; and

8 (2) The sum appropriated shall be allocated to one-time
9 cost items, including but not limited to musical
10 instruments or other equipment or supplies, to support
11 fine arts or performing arts programs or courses in
12 secondary public schools.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Fine Arts or Performing Arts Programs; Hawaii
State Student Conference; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the development, renewal, and
maintenance of fine arts or performing arts programs or classes
in secondary schools. (SD1)

