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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 community-based
2 partnerships provide an essential vehicle for achieving the
3 programmatic and policy objectives that can transform education
4 and our public school students. The legislature further finds
5 that, while the department of education currently undertakes
6 efforts to provide opportunities for students to learn, work,
7 and volunteer within the community, a dedicated position for
8 establishing partnerships with businesses and organizations in
9 the community can provide students with extraordinary
10 experiences and knowledge.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a community-based
12 exchange coordinator position in the department of education to
13 facilitate partnerships with businesses and organizations in the
14 community. This Act shall also appropriate funds for the
15 coordinator position, necessary support staff, and supplies and
16 equipment for operations, as well as for enhancing the



1 department of education volunteer website to include sixty-four
2 public schools.

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

6 "§302A- Community-based exchange coordinator. (a) The
7 department shall establish one permanent civil service exempt
8 full-time equivalent community-based exchange coordinator
9 position to facilitate and promote volunteerism and community
10 partnerships within the public schools to build sustainable
11 relationships for stronger learning communities and quality
12 education.

13 (b) The community-based exchange coordinator shall be
14 responsible for nurturing stronger partnerships between the
15 community and the schools through the establishment of
16 partnerships that shall generate, among other things:

- 17 (1) Additional funding;
- 18 (2) Mentorship opportunities;
- 19 (3) Volunteer opportunities;
- 20 (4) Internship opportunities;
- 21 (5) Tutoring services; and



1 (6) Professional advice and assistance for robotics and
2 other academic and after-school programs.

3 (c) Community partnerships may be established with any
4 for-profit, faith-based, private, nonprofit, or other
5 organizations in the community."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for:

9 (1) One permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
10 community-based exchange coordinator position as
11 established by this Act;

12 (2) One permanent full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
13 administrative assistant to the community-based
14 exchange coordinator position; and

15 (3) Any necessary travel expenses, equipment, and
16 supplies.

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

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 enhancement of the department of education volunteer website to
2 include sixty-four schools.

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

5 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

DOE; Community-Based Exchange Coordinator; Volunteer Website;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the community-based exchange program to nurture stronger partnerships between the community and the schools. Appropriates funds for the coordinator and the volunteer website.

