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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED  
SCHOOLS UNDER THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of  
2 providing educational programs and services is significantly  
3 higher for geographically isolated schools. Large schools tend  
4 to benefit from economies of scale while geographically isolated  
5 schools operate at a higher cost per pupil due to necessary  
6 fixed expenditures and low student enrollment.

7           Compared to schools that are geographically located near  
8 other schools and schools with high student enrollment,  
9 geographically isolated schools have comparatively fewer  
10 resources available to them.

11           While the weighted student formula for school year 2008-  
12 2009 includes a sliding scale school size adjustment that  
13 provides an increasing subsidy to a school as their respective  
14 student enrollment increases; and specifies "geographic  
15 isolation" and "neighbor island" as two of several student  
16 characteristics under the weighted student formula, the  
17 combination of both low student enrollment and geographic



1 isolation merits supplemental funding to offset these two  
2 factors.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds as an  
4 additional amount to assist students of geographically isolated  
5 schools to explore academic enhancement.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
9 school-based budgeting (EDN 100), as an additional amount to  
10 assist students of geographically isolated schools to explore  
11 academic enhancement.

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

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

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**Report Title:**

DOE; Geographically Isolated Schools; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for travel and associated costs to assist students of geographically isolated schools to explore academic enhancement.

