
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC
EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that subject-matter
2 knowledge and competency in the areas of science and mathematics
3 in our public schools are critical to student achievement; the
4 viability of pursuing and obtaining employment in fields such as
5 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and our
6 nation's competitiveness as a global leader in scientific and
7 technological innovation.

8 The legislature further finds that greater training and
9 resources provided through the districts for science and
10 technology programs in schools will support student learning in
11 these areas. Furthermore, district support for science and
12 technology programs will foster greater student participation
13 and achievement in statewide and national science and technology
14 competitions and events, such as the science fair.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
16 science and technology resource needs within the department of
17 education and the charter schools.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to support
4 science and technology resource needs in the public schools;
5 provided that:

6 (1) Within the department of education, the funds shall be
7 allocated for the following positions and purposes,
8 which shall be administered under the direction of the
9 state specialist for science education to assure that
10 all training and materials used shall be cohesive and
11 aligned to statewide initiatives:

12 (A) \$350,000 shall be for a permanent, part-time
13 science and technology coordinator in each of the
14 seven school districts to provide support for
15 schools in these areas;

16 (B) \$10,000 shall be for state administrative costs
17 to support science and technology in the
18 department of education; and

19 (C) \$140,000 shall be to support science and
20 technology resource needs in each of the seven
21 school districts to provide support for schools
22 in these areas; and



1 (2) \$ shall be allocated to the charter school
2 administrative office for science and technology
3 programs in the charter schools.

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

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



Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to support science and technology resource needs within the department of education and the charter schools. (SD1)

