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S.B. NO. 2697

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that early instruction in
2 physical education is important to the long-term health of
3 Hawaii's citizenry. Contemporary physical education instruction
4 goes beyond playing games and learning the rules to promoting
5 and furthering the understanding of healthy physical activity
6 habits.

7 The purpose of this Act is to promote public school
8 students' long-term physical health.

9 SECTION 2. (a) With regard to public school education,
10 the department of education shall:

11 (1) Establish programs and activities that promote a
12 commitment to lifelong physical activity and decreased
13 sedentary behavior, including the development of
14 after-school and summer programs, which shall be
15 taught by licensed physical education teachers
16 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year;



- 1 (2) Define and implement a developmentally appropriate
2 course of study for physical education instruction in
3 grades kindergarten through six that is taught by at
4 least one licensed physical education teacher per
5 school by school year 2013-2014;
- 6 (3) Implement physical education instruction that is
7 generally in accordance with the standards established
8 by the National Association for Sports and Physical
9 Education as a core requirement for grades seven and
10 eight; and
- 11 (4) Assist and allow high school principals to grant
12 specialized credit for participation in after-school
13 athletic activity and other co-curricular activities
14 by school year 2009-2010; provided that a licensed
15 physical education teacher shall certify that the
16 activity is generally in accordance with the standards
17 established by the department of education for
18 physical education instruction.
- 19 (b) The department of kinesiology and leisure at the
20 University of Hawaii, the department of education, and the
21 Hawaii teacher standards board shall work together to establish



1 and implement appropriate policies and programs to actively
2 recruit, train, and license physical education teachers.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
6 the establishment of after-school and summer programs and
7 activities that shall be taught by licensed physical education
8 teachers beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

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

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$65,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
14 establishment and implementation of appropriate policies and
15 programs to actively recruit, train, and license physical
16 education teachers.

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

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$65,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
22 University of Hawaii, department of kinesiology and leisure, for



1 one additional faculty teaching position to increase the
2 University of Hawaii's capacity to recruit and retain licensed
3 physical education teachers.

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

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
7 provided that sections 3, 4, and 5 shall take effect on July 1,
8 2008.

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Report Title:

Public Education; Physical Education; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education to implement physical education instruction for grades kindergarten through eight; allows credit to be granted for certain athletic and co-curricular activities; provides for the recruitment of licensed physical education teachers; and makes appropriations.

