
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii Academy
2 of Science is a private, not-for-profit education organization
3 that has administered and operated the Hawaii state science and
4 engineering fair for more than fifty years, producing a
5 successful, innovative, and popular interscholastic education
6 program for public school and private school secondary students.

7 The legislature further finds that the programs currently
8 operated or proposed by the Hawaii Academy of Science employ the
9 concepts of experiential learning and encourage innovative
10 methodologies that engage students in project-based
11 problem-solving. These methodologies are an important strategy
12 to prepare the next generation of Hawaii's youth for the global
13 economy.

14 The legislature also finds that state funding appropriated
15 to the department of education to assist the Hawaii Academy of
16 Science in the administration and operation of the Hawaii state
17 science and engineering fair has not always been sufficient to



1 cover the full costs of operating the Hawaii state science and
2 engineering fair. These moneys were used to fund salaries and
3 benefits for the staff of the Hawaii Academy of Science, and to
4 assist in procuring the rental of the fair's venue and necessary
5 equipment for the operation of the Hawaii state science and
6 engineering fair, and other attendant costs. Annual funding was
7 allocated by the department to the research corporation of the
8 University of Hawaii to serve as expending agency for the Hawaii
9 Academy of Science since 1990. In recent years, the funding
10 allocated has not been sufficient to cover the operation of the
11 Hawaii Academy of Science's interscholastic academic programs.

12 The legislature recognizes the inherent value of
13 interscholastic academic programs provided by private
14 not-for-profit organizations such as the Hawaii Academy of
15 Science, and restored state funding to the Hawaii state science
16 and engineering fair in 2007.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
18 department of education for fiscal year 2008-2009 to contract
19 with the Hawaii Academy of Science to administer and operate the
20 State of Hawaii Science and Engineering Fair, the Pacific
21 Symposium, and the Hawaii Technology Education Association Fair.



1 SECTION 2. Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is
2 amended by amending section 70 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 70. Provided that of the general fund
4 appropriation for school-based budgeting (EDN 100), the sum of
5 \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
6 2007-2008 and the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 shall be expended by the
8 department of education for the [~~engineering and science fair,~~]
9 purpose of contracting with the Hawaii Academy of Science to
10 administer and operate the State of Hawaii Science and
11 Engineering Fair, the Pacific Symposium, and the Hawaii
12 Technology Education Association Fair; and provided further that
13 any unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund."

14 SECTION 3. Session law material to be repealed is
15 bracketed and stricken. New session law material is
16 underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Science and Technology Initiatives; Hawaii Academy of Science;
Appropriation

Description:

Amends Act 213; SLH 2007, to amend section 70 to appropriate additional moneys in fiscal year 2008-2009 for the department of education to contract the Hawaii Academy of Science to administer and operate the State of Hawaii Science and Engineering Fair, the Pacific Symposium, and the Hawaii Technology Education Association Fair. (SD1)

