

JAN 19 2007

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) Place a general emphasis on guiding students to make a
12 commitment to lifelong physical activity and decreased
13 sedentary behavior;

14 (2) Define and implement a developmentally appropriate
15 course of study for physical education instruction in
16 grades kindergarten through six that is taught by at



1 least one licensed physical education teacher per
2 school by school year 2012-2013;

3 (3) Implement physical education instruction that complies
4 with the standards established by the National
5 Association for Sports and Physical Education as a
6 core requirement for grades seven and eight; and

7 (4) Assist and allow high school principals to grant
8 physical education credit for participation in
9 after-school athletic activity and other co-curricular
10 activities by school year 2008-2009; provided that a
11 licensed physical education teacher shall certify that
12 the activity satisfies the minimum criteria
13 established by the department of education for the
14 physical education credit.

15 (b) The department of kinesiology and leisure at the
16 University of Hawaii, the department of education, and the
17 Hawaii teacher standards board shall work together to establish
18 and implement appropriate policies and programs to actively
19 recruit, train, and license physical education teachers.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$65,000, or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the



1 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2 2008-2009, for the establishment and implementation of
3 appropriate policies and programs to actively recruit, train,
4 and license physical education teachers.

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

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$65,000, or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
10 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii, department of
12 kinesiology and leisure, to hire one additional faculty teaching
13 position to increase the University of Hawaii's capacity to
14 recruit and train physical education teachers.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
16 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
18 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,
19 2007.

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Report Title:

Public Education; Physical Education

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.

