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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the United States  
2 Congress established the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
3 program in 1969 with the broad mandate to teach young people the  
4 value of citizenship, community service, and personal  
5 responsibility. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
6 programs, which are organized throughout the United States Army,  
7 Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, are taught as elective  
8 courses at more than three thousand high schools nationwide.  
9 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps courses are led by  
10 retired military personnel who motivate young people to be  
11 better citizens by preparing them for responsible leadership  
12 roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities,  
13 and privileges as citizens. Unlike college-level Junior Reserve  
14 Officers' Training Corps programs, Junior Reserve Officers'  
15 Training Corps programs do not obligate participating students  
16 to join the military.



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1 A recent study conducted by the Center for Strategic and  
2 International Studies, a private, nonpartisan, policy-research  
3 institute, found that Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps  
4 programs strengthen our youth, communities, and nation by  
5 nurturing individualism in the service of a common cause.  
6 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs develop skills  
7 in self-discipline, teamwork, motivation, and confidence in  
8 young people, all of which act to decrease school-related  
9 disciplinary problems for many participating students. Junior  
10 Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs do not promote  
11 militaristic anti-individualism.

12 While highly-touted demonstration projects and pilot  
13 programs geared toward youth development come and go with  
14 regrettable regularity, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training  
15 Corps program remains the oldest and largest time-tested public  
16 enterprise engaged in positive and successful youth development.

17 Lahainaluna high school is interested in establishing a  
18 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program so that its  
19 students can benefit from all the positive things such a program  
20 can offer. As a general matter, schools are required to have  
21 two instructors in order to establish a Junior Reserve Officers'  
22 Training Corps program.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for two  
 2 instructor positions for the United States Air Force Junior  
 3 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Lahainaluna high  
 4 school.

5           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$72,000, or so much  
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
 8 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 9 2008-2009, to establish and hire two instructor positions for  
 10 the United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training  
 11 Corps program at Lahainaluna high school.

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

14           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to create two instructor positions for the Air Force JROTC program at Lahainaluna High School.

