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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS MANAGERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school, complex, and
2 complex area administrators are responsible for wide-ranging
3 financial assignments, which detract the focus from the
4 curriculum and instruction endeavors of the school, the
5 promotion of student achievement, and the continuous improvement
6 within the complex area. These student-achievement centered
7 initiatives are even more critical with the required academic
8 rigor of the No Child Left Behind Act and with the continued
9 implementation of the department of education strategic plan.

10 The legislature further finds that the weighted student
11 formula represents a method of allocating budgets to schools,
12 based on student needs and school characteristics so available
13 resources are better targeted to support student achievement.
14 The weighted student formula also provides school principals
15 with increased control and flexibility over their school budgets
16 to implement initiatives to improve student achievement.



1 The legislature believes that the increased mandates and
2 responsibilities on school, complex, and complex area
3 administrators requires the assistance of highly knowledgeable
4 and qualified individuals with business backgrounds to allow
5 schools to efficiently and effectively manage the operational
6 and financial aspects of the school, complex, or complex area.

7 The purposes of business manager positions within the
8 department of education are to:

- 9 (1) Provide direct business and financial management
10 assistance and oversight to principals and complex
11 area superintendents in the areas of school-based
12 budgeting;
- 13 (2) Develop weighted student formula financial plans;
- 14 (3) Conduct financial reporting and monitoring;
- 15 (4) Conduct budget versus actual variance analysis;
- 16 (5) Prepare and present financial recommendations to the
17 school and complex area administrators;
- 18 (6) Oversee facilities management, including repair and
19 maintenance and capital improvement projects;
- 20 (7) Understand and provide guidance on procurement
21 transactions and laws;



- 1 (8) Implement internal financial controls monitoring,
2 following department of education financial
3 guidelines, policies, and procedures; and
4 (9) Provide overall business administration.

5 The purpose of this Act is to establish fifteen complex
6 area business manager positions and to appropriate funds for a
7 business manager position at each school complex area to provide
8 financial and operational advice and counsel to school, complex,
9 and complex area administrators and support staff.

10 SECTION 2. Section 302A-604.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending the title and subsection (a) to read as
12 follows:

13 **"§302A-604.5 District business and fiscal officers~~[-]~~ and**
14 **complex area business managers.** (a) The department shall
15 establish [~~eight~~] fifteen permanent civil service exempt full-
16 time equivalent complex area business [~~and fiscal officer~~]
17 manager positions; provided that [~~four~~] one full-time equivalent
18 complex area business [~~and fiscal officer positions~~] manager
19 position shall be assigned to [~~the Oahu school districts, with~~
20 ~~the remaining positions to be assigned to school complexes based~~
21 ~~on need,~~] each of the fifteen complex areas in the department;



1 and provided further that the complex area business [~~and fiscal~~
2 ~~officer~~] manager:

3 (1) Shall be a highly knowledgeable and qualified
4 individual and have a business and facilities
5 management background;

6 (2) Shall not be subject to the requirements of [~~+~~]chapter
7 76[~~+~~]; and

8 (3) Shall not be required to be a certified teacher."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____, or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
12 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2008-2009, to hire one full-time business manager for each
14 department of education school complex area to provide financial
15 and operational advice and counsel to school, complex, and
16 complex area administrators and support staff.

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

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes fifteen complex area business manager positions; appropriates funds for a business manager to be hired at each department of education school complex area.

