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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED
SCHOOLS UNDER THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of
2 providing educational programs and services is significantly
3 higher for geographically isolated schools. Large schools tend
4 to benefit from economies of scale while geographically isolated
5 schools operate at a higher cost per pupil due to necessary
6 fixed expenditures and low student enrollment.

7 Compared to schools that are geographically located near to
8 other schools and schools with high student enrollment,
9 geographically isolated schools have comparatively fewer
10 resources available to them.

11 While the weighted student formula for school year 2009-
12 2010 includes a sliding scale school size adjustment that
13 provides an increasing subsidy to a schools as their respective
14 student enrollment increases, and specifies "geographic
15 isolation" and "neighbor island" as two of several student
16 characteristics under the weighted student formula, the
17 combination of both low student enrollment and geographic



1 isolation merits supplemental funding to offset these two
2 factors.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds as an
4 additional amount to assist students of geographically isolated
5 schools to explore academic enhancement.

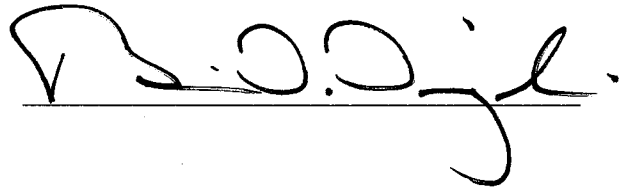
6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for
9 school-based budgeting (EDN 100) as an additional amount for
10 travel and associated costs to assist students of geographically
11 isolated schools to explore academic enhancement.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Appropriation; Geographically Isolated Schools

Description:

Appropriates funds for FY 2009-2010 for school-based budgeting (EDN 100) as an additional amount for travel and associated costs to assist students of geographically isolated schools to explore academic enhancement.

