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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII TEACHER CADET PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii continues to
2 have a critical shortage of trained teachers for the public
3 school system. Between 1999 and 2007, approximately fifteen
4 hundred new teachers were needed each year to fill the vacancies
5 created by retirement or attrition. In addition, the number of
6 new teachers graduating and getting licensed each year falls far
7 short of the actual demand. Unfortunately, the State also loses
8 many of its newly minted educators to the mainland.

9 In 2002, the teacher cadet program was established by the
10 Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers, a grass-roots organization
11 that works to develop teachers who are graduates of Hawaii
12 schools. In partnership with the department of education, the
13 Alliance offers an "explorations in education" course in the
14 public schools. Content of the course includes learning styles,
15 self-assessment, developmental stages of learning, governance in
16 schools, history of education in the United States and Hawaii,
17 and realities of the teaching profession, including salary
18 information. One important component of the course is the field



1 experience, which provides students a chance to actually teach
2 and work with both teachers and students. Over the course of
3 three years, approximately two hundred high school students,
4 mostly seniors, have completed the course, and feedback about
5 the course has been overwhelmingly positive. A database system
6 now tracks all of the students who have completed the teacher
7 cadet program, and the ongoing goal is to recruit the best and
8 brightest students to take the course. The Alliance also hopes
9 to recruit more public schools to offer this course to more
10 students.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
12 Hawaii teacher cadet program to address the teacher shortage in
13 Hawaii.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2010-2011 for the Hawaii teacher cadet program.

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

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2010-2011 for operations of the Hawaii teacher cadet program,
4 including recruitment of additional schools, training of
5 teachers, teacher support, mentoring of students, and tracking
6 of students in the program.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
8 of education for the purposes of this Act; provided that the
9 teacher labor necessary to carry out the operations of the
10 Hawaii teacher cadet program shall be provided by the Hawaii
11 Alliance for Future Teachers on a strictly voluntary basis.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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