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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE COURSES AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS STATEWIDE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to a study
2 conducted by the Southern Regional Education Board in July 2007,
3 growth in the participation of advanced placement and
4 International Baccalaureate courses in the states served by the
5 board has led to a higher percentage of proficiency rates that
6 have exceeded the national averages. In addition, according to
7 the College Board, a not-for-profit examination board, advanced
8 placement courses allow students to challenge themselves with
9 rigorous college-level courses in high school and earn college
10 credit through their success in the advanced placement
11 examination. The International Baccalaureate Organization has
12 found that their students consistently attain admission into
13 prestigious universities around the world such as Oxford
14 University, University of British Columbia, and Harvard
15 University.

16 The legislature further finds that in a study conducted by
17 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, advanced placement



1 and International Baccalaureate students who earn credit through
 2 these programs perform better than the average student, and that
 3 in research done by the National Center for Educational
 4 Accountability, students who take advanced placement and
 5 International Baccalaureate courses are twice as likely to
 6 graduate from college in five years than students who have not
 7 attempted any of these courses.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
 9 advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses in
 10 Hawaii public schools that limit or do not offer these courses.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for
 14 advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses in
 15 Hawaii public schools that limit or do not offer these courses.

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

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

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