
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over four thousand
2 youths take their lives annually in the United States, making
3 suicide the third leading cause of death of persons between the
4 ages of ten and twenty-four.

5 In Hawaii, suicide is the second leading cause of death
6 among persons who are fifteen to twenty-four years old. In
7 2009, one out of every eight high school students reported
8 having attempted suicide within the twelve-month period before
9 completing a nationwide behavioral risk survey. The rate of
10 attempted suicides for high school students is more than double
11 the national average. Males are more likely than females to
12 commit suicide, and native Hawaiian youths are the ethnic group
13 most likely to attempt or commit suicide.

14 According to the department of education, budget cuts have
15 resulted in the elimination of positions that supported suicide
16 prevention community networking in schools. Restoration of two
17 positions is needed to assist with suicide prevention services
18 within the department.



1 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to appropriate funds
2 for the restoration of a peer education program resource teacher
3 and a full time clerk-typist to support suicide prevention
4 services within the department of education.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$120,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2012-2013 for the restoration of a peer education program
10 resource teacher and a full time clerk-typist to support suicide
11 prevention services within the department of education.

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, 2020.



Report Title:

Youth Suicide; Prevention; Keiki Caucus; Appropriation

Description:

Provides funding for the restoration of a peer education program resource teacher and a full time clerk-typist to support suicide prevention services within the Department of Education.

Effective July 1, 2020. (HB691 HD2)

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