
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 previous twelve months. The
9 rate of attempted suicides for high school students in Hawaii is
10 more than double the national average. Males are more likely
11 than females to commit suicide, and native Hawaiian youths are
12 the ethnic group most likely to attempt or commit suicide.

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



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
2 restoration of a peer education program resource teacher and a
3 full time clerk-typist to support suicide prevention services
4 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 \$ 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, 2050.



Report Title:

Suicide Prevention; Keiki Caucus; Department of Education;
Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the department of education for positions to support suicide prevention services: a peer education program resource teacher and a full-time clerk-typist. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

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