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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that student success both  
2 in high school and beyond is largely predicated upon adequate  
3 preparation. This preparation, however, is difficult if the  
4 student is unaware of his or her strengths and weaknesses and  
5 schools and complex areas are unsure of how to make the most  
6 effective use of instructional resources. It is for this reason  
7 that a comprehensive assessment program should be implemented to  
8 ensure that each student can gauge his or her academic  
9 development and each school and complex area can determine the  
10 most effective use of instructional resources to better prepare  
11 students for future success.

12           The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to require the  
13 department of education to establish a three-year pilot project  
14 that implements a comprehensive, empirically-based assessment  
15 program for certain students in grades seven, eight, and nine.

16           SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall  
17 establish a three-year pilot project to provide a comprehensive  
18 assessment program for public and public charter school students



1 in grades seven, eight, and nine in complex areas on islands  
2 with a population of at least one hundred eighty thousand but  
3 less than nine hundred thousand, based on the 2010 United States  
4 Census.

5 (b) The pilot project established under subsection (a)  
6 shall include the implementation of an assessment program that:

7 (1) Is empirically grounded;

8 (2) Is based on a curriculum that is aligned with common  
9 core state standards;

10 (3) Assesses educational attainment, development, and  
11 readiness in English, mathematics, reading, and  
12 science;

13 (4) Includes a multi-layered reporting process;

14 (5) Indicates student performance based upon achievement  
15 exams; and

16 (6) Includes consulting services for implementation and  
17 staff, school, and complex-area support.

18 (c) The department of education shall submit a progress  
19 report on the implementation of the pilot project established  
20 under subsection (a) and its impact on student achievement and  
21 high school readiness to the legislature no later than twenty  
22 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013, and



1 a final report, including any recommendations for legislation,  
2 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
3 session of 2015.


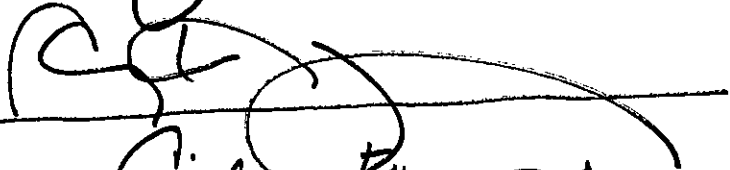
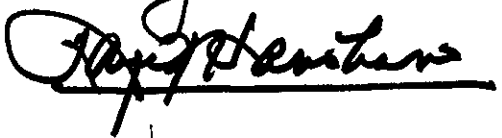
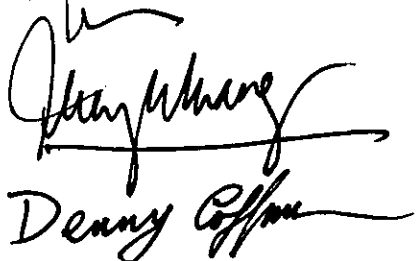
4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$53,117 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to  
7 implement the pilot project established in section 2 of this  
8 Act.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012, and  
12 shall be repealed on June 30, 2015.

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# H.B. NO. 2091

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Assessment Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs the Department of Education to establish a three-year pilot project that implements a comprehensive assessment program for certain students in grades seven, eight, and nine.

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