
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a public education
2 is more than just teaching the rudiments of reading, writing,
3 and arithmetic—a public education also prepares students to be
4 contributing members of a democratic society. A community with
5 members who do not have a well-developed educational foundation
6 cannot meet its potential to compete in a competitive,
7 international economic environment.

8 The legislature further finds that there exists a need to
9 provide quality educational programs for those students who fall
10 outside of the traditional age range for public school. For
11 these adult students, adult educational programs provide a means
12 through which they can access basic educational skills, complete
13 a high school education, and more actively participate in civic
14 life.

15 In addition, adult educational programs contribute to the
16 overall well-being of Hawaii residents in that they act as a
17 connection for adults who would otherwise find themselves
18 isolated in an increasingly interconnected society through life



1 enhancement courses and, through workforce training, provide
2 continued access to the job market for those who may find
3 themselves unemployed.

4 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to appropriate
5 general funds to maintain adult educational programs for
6 Hawaii's residents.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,500,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
10 maintain adult educational programs.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.
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Report Title:

Adult Education

Description:

Appropriates general funds to maintain adult educational programs run by the Department of Education. Effective July 1, 2012.

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