
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL FUNDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1303.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 "§302A-1303.6 Weighted student formula. (a) Based upon
4 recommendations from the committee on weights, the board of
5 education, not less than annually, shall adopt a weighted
6 student formula for the allocation of moneys to public schools
7 that takes into account the educational needs of each student.
8 The department, upon the receipt of appropriated moneys, shall
9 use the weighted student formula to allocate funds to public
10 schools[-]; provided that the department shall not allocate
11 funds appropriated for categorical programs to augment funding
12 for the weighted student formula. Principals shall expend
13 moneys provided to the principals' schools. This section shall
14 only apply to charter schools for fiscal years in which the
15 charter schools elect, pursuant to section 302B-13, to receive
16 allocations according to the weighted student formula.

17 (b) For purposes of this section, "categorical program"
18 means a state-funded program that promotes a specified purpose



1 or service providing opportunities for student enrichment apart
2 from programs or services funded through the weighted student
3 formula."

4 SECTION 2. Section 302B-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§302B-13 Weighted student formula.** (a) Notwithstanding
7 section [+]302B-12[+] and beginning September 1, 2006, charter
8 schools shall elect whether to receive allocations according to
9 the department's weighted student formula adopted pursuant to
10 section 302A-1303.6; provided that:

11 (1) All charter schools, as a group, with each local
12 school board being accorded one vote, shall elect, by
13 greater than two-thirds agreement among the local
14 school boards, whether to receive allocations through
15 the department's weighted student formula; provided
16 that the nonprofit entity that governs more than one
17 conversion charter school may cast one vote
18 representing each school it governs;

19 (2) Any election by charter schools to receive department
20 allocations, or not to receive allocations, through
21 the department's weighted student formula shall be
22 made by September 1 of each even-numbered year, and



1 the election shall apply to the fiscal biennium
2 beginning July 1 of the following year; provided that
3 the appropriate funds shall be transferred by the
4 department to the charter school administrative office
5 for distribution to the charter schools; and

6 (3) The election to receive allocations, or not to receive
7 allocations, through the department's weighted student
8 formula shall be communicated to the department
9 through the office.

10 (b) The charter schools, through the office, may propose
11 to the board an alternative weighted student formula, approved
12 [e#] by more than two-thirds of the local school boards, with
13 each local school board being accorded one vote, to be
14 administered by the office and to apply to the per-pupil
15 allocation for charter schools.

16 (c) Funds appropriated for categorical programs shall not
17 be allocated to augment funding for the department's weighted
18 student formula under subsection (a) or funding for the
19 alternative weighted student formula under subsection (b).

20 (d) For purposes of this section, "categorical program"
21 means a state-funded program that promotes a specified purpose
22 or service providing opportunities for student enrichment apart

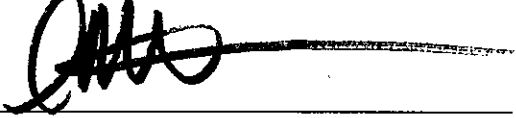


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1 from programs or services funded through the weighted student
2 formula under subsection (a) or through the alternative weighted
3 student formula under subsection (b)."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Weighted Student Formula; Categorical Programs

Description:

Prohibits the application of funds for categorical programs toward allocations made under the weighted student formula.

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