
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§10- Hawaiian language immersion program commission;
5 establishment. (a) There is established a Hawaiian language
6 immersion program commission to oversee the department of
7 education's allocation and use of revenues derived from the
8 public land trust to fund Hawaiian language immersion programs
9 in the public schools as required by section 302A- . The
10 commission shall be placed within the office of Hawaiian affairs
11 for administrative purposes.

12 (b) The commission shall consist of five members appointed
13 by the governor and shall be selected as follows:

14 (1) One from a list of not less than three names submitted
15 by the president of the senate;

16 (2) One from a list of not less than three names submitted
17 by the speaker of the house of representatives;



1 (3) One from a list of not less than three names submitted
2 by the office of Hawaiian affairs;

3 (4) One from a list of not less than three names submitted
4 by the Hawaiian homes commission; and

5 (5) One from a list of not less than three names submitted
6 by the department of education.

7 (c) The members of the commission shall serve without
8 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary in
9 the performance of their duties. The members of the commission
10 shall be subject to section 26-34. The commission shall select
11 a chairperson from among its members.

12 (d) The commission shall submit to the legislature, no
13 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
14 session of 2014, and every year thereafter, a report of its
15 activities.

16 (e) The commission, without regard to chapter 76, may
17 appoint and terminate an executive director and other additional
18 personnel as are necessary to enable the commission to perform
19 the duties of the commission. The commission may fix the
20 compensation of the executive director and other commission
21 personnel."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part II to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Hawaiian language immersion programs; funding.

5 (a) The department shall annually allocate an amount of funds
6 equal to ten per cent of the department's revenues that are
7 derived from the public land trust and use those allocated funds
8 to fund Hawaiian language immersion programs in the public
9 schools, subject to oversight by the Hawaiian language immersion
10 program commission established under section 10- .

11 (b) The department shall submit annual reports to the
12 Hawaiian language immersion program commission on its
13 allocations and its use of those allocations."

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

DOE; OHA; Public Land Trust Revenues; Immersion Programs

Description:

Requires DOE to use a specified percentage of its public land trust revenues to fund Hawaiian language immersion programs. Establishes a commission within OHA to oversee the DOE's allocation and use of those public land trust revenues.

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