
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 in
2 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. For this reason, a
7 comprehensive assessment program should be implemented to ensure
8 that each student can gauge his or her academic development and
9 each school and complex area can determine the most effective
10 use of instructional resources to better prepare students and
11 ensure their future success.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the University of
13 Hawaii at Hilo college of continuing education and community
14 service to establish a three-year pilot project that:

15 (1) Implements a comprehensive, empirically-based
16 assessment program for certain students in grades
17 seven, eight, and nine; and



1 (2) Undertakes a study of existing programs used in the
2 public school system to enhance educational delivery
3 to determine their effectiveness.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii at Hilo college
5 of continuing education and community service shall establish a
6 three-year pilot project to provide a comprehensive assessment
7 program for public and public charter school students in grades
8 seven, eight, and nine in complex areas on Hawaii Island. The
9 pilot project shall include the implementation of an assessment
10 program that:

- 11 (1) Is empirically grounded;
- 12 (2) Is based on a curriculum that is aligned with common
13 core state standards;
- 14 (3) Assesses educational attainment, development, and
15 readiness in English, mathematics, reading, and
16 science;
- 17 (4) Includes a multi-layered reporting process;
- 18 (5) Indicates student performance based upon achievement
19 exams; and
- 20 (6) Includes consulting services for implementation and
21 staff, school, and complex-area support.



1 (b) As part of the pilot project established under
2 subsection (a), the University of Hawaii at Hilo college of
3 continuing education and community service shall also undertake
4 a study of existing programs used in the public school system to
5 enhance educational delivery to determine their effectiveness.

6 (c) The University of Hawaii at Hilo college of continuing
7 education and community service shall submit a progress report
8 on the implementation of the pilot project established under
9 subsection (a) and its impact on student achievement and high
10 school readiness, as well as the results of the study required
11 under subsection (b), to the legislature no later than twenty
12 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014, and
13 a final report, including any recommendations for legislation,
14 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
15 session of 2016.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 to
19 implement the pilot project established in section 2 of this
20 Act.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
22 Hawaii at Hilo for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2016.

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H.B. NO. 327

Report Title:

University of Hawaii at Hilo; Pilot Assessment Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Directs the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Continuing Education and Community Service to establish a three-year pilot project that implements a comprehensive assessment program for certain students in grades seven, eight, and nine. Requires a study on current programs used to enhance educational delivery. Appropriation. Effective July 1, 2013.

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