
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 the Hawaii
2 educational policy center provides objective, data-based
3 information in the form of policy briefs, reports, articles, and
4 forums bearing on public and private education policy and
5 practices at all levels. The center uses data sources such as
6 the United States Census, the National Center for Educational
7 Statistics, and the state department of education. The target
8 audiences for the center's publications and events are
9 educators, policymakers, and other education stakeholders in the
10 State. The center works closely with the dean of the University
11 of Hawaii college of education, and other stakeholders to
12 provide quality research and analysis. The center conducts,
13 sponsors, commissions, and coordinates analytical studies that
14 inform policy discussions.

15 The Hawaii educational policy center services include:

16 (1) Developing, implementing and managing research,
17 evaluation activities and programs related to
18 educational policy;



- 1 (2) Developing and managing symposiums and community
2 forums to inform the public and decision makers of the
3 research relating to policy issues;
- 4 (3) Informing policymakers of how current research
5 conducted in Hawaii and elsewhere impacts policy
6 through policy briefs and research reports;
- 7 (4) Preparing and providing testimony on relevant
8 educational issues for legislative hearings; and
- 9 (5) Assisting the educational community in efforts to
10 understand our legislative and administrative systems
11 so as to more effectively provide timely and well
12 informed input.

13 The legislature finds that the Hawaii educational policy
14 center provides the infrastructure to allow for data-based
15 decision-making by Hawaii's education policy makers.

16 The purpose of this Act is to fund research and policy
17 analysis by the Hawaii educational policy center on issues of
18 importance to the University of Hawaii, the college of education
19 at the University of Hawaii, the dean of the college of
20 education at the University of Hawaii, the board of education,
21 the charter school commission, the legislature, and other key
22 stakeholders in education.



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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2014-2015 for the Hawaii educational policy center to conduct
6 research and policy analysis for the purposes of this Act.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
8 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Educational Policy Center; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii educational policy center to conduct research and policy analysis on education issues.

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