
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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 may adopt a weighted student formula for the
6 allocation of moneys to public schools that takes into account
7 the educational needs of each student. The department, upon the
8 receipt of appropriated moneys, shall use the weighted student
9 formula to allocate funds to public schools. Principals, in
10 consultation with teachers and school community councils, shall
11 expend moneys provided to the principals' schools. This section
12 shall only apply to charter schools for fiscal years in which
13 the charter schools elect pursuant to section 302D-29 to receive
14 allocations according to the procedures and methodology used to
15 calculate the weighted student formula allocation.

16 (b) The weighted student formula shall include a
17 superintendent's reserve, to address needs at unique and remote



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1 schools. The department shall have discretion in allocating
 2 funds from the superintendent's reserve to specific schools;
 3 provided that the committee on weights shall make
 4 recommendations as to the amount of the reserve and the criteria
 5 for how the reserve should be used."

6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Weighted Student Formula;
Superintendent's Reserve

Description:

Requires principals to consult with teachers and school community councils when expending moneys provided to their schools. Requires the weighted student formula to include a superintendent's reserve to address needs at unique and remote schools. Grants the DOE discretion in allocating superintendent's reserve funds to specific schools; provided that the committee on weights shall recommend the amount of the reserve and criteria for use of the reserve.

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