
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is important for
2 children to develop healthy lifelong habits while they are
3 young. Schools, and the communities they serve, must be
4 involved in encouraging those healthy habits.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
6 working group to assess the sufficiency of physical education
7 resources and opportunities in the State's kindergartens through
8 elementary grades in public schools. The working group shall
9 also examine ways to involve the communities that are served by
10 those schools, including community and nonprofit organizations,
11 to seek solutions that are widely acceptable.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall convene
13 a working group to assess the sufficiency of physical education
14 resources and opportunities in the State's kindergartens through
15 elementary grades in public schools, including but not limited
16 to:



- 1 (1) The number of available and filled positions related
2 to physical education;
- 3 (2) The sufficiency of resources available for physical
4 education;
- 5 (3) The utilization and effectiveness of resources
6 available for physical education;
- 7 (4) Whether opportunities for physical education should be
8 increased; and
- 9 (5) Whether the number of positions related to physical
10 education should be increased.
- 11 (b) The working group shall comprise sixteen members,
12 including:
- 13 (1) The superintendent of education, who shall serve as
14 chairperson;
- 15 (2) The complex area superintendent of each of the State's
16 fifteen complex areas;
- 17 (3) A representative of the state public charter school
18 commission; and
- 19 (4) A physical education teacher.
- 20 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

3 (d) The working group shall be dissolved upon the
4 submission of its report.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
8 work of the working group convened in section 2 of this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Public Education; Physical Education; Working Group;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a working group to assess physical education in kindergarten through elementary grades in public schools and report to the Legislature. (HB2705 HD1)

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