
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Approximately seventy-four per cent of all
2 children in Hawaii are raised by working families. *Parents and*
3 *the High Cost of Child Care, 2015 Report*, by ChildCare Aware of
4 America, reports that Hawaii is the fourth least-affordable
5 state for the cost of before-school or after-school care for a
6 school-aged child in a child care center (\$8,919 in 2014) as a
7 percentage of median income for married couples (\$87,567). The
8 Afterschool Alliance reports that thirty-nine per cent, or
9 59,057, of all Hawaii children who are not enrolled in an after-
10 school program would be likely to participate in a program if
11 one were available in the community.

12 Approximately 4,645 children in Hawaii are homeless and can
13 benefit from a safe, structured out-of-school environment. Out-
14 of-school programs can be aligned with the school day to
15 complement, but not duplicate, learning and can expose students
16 to the arts, culture, literacy, fitness, math, science,
17 character development, and community service. The purpose of



1 out-of-school programs is to provide high-quality care and a
2 high-quality learning experience while preventing Hawaii's youth
3 from engaging in risky behaviors that may lead to tobacco,
4 alcohol, or drug use or teen pregnancy and often result in
5 youths' dropping out of school or being unprepared to enter the
6 workforce. Many out-of-school programs offered by community
7 organizations are expensive and often inaccessible due to the
8 high demand for services driven by the lack of out-of-school
9 programming throughout the State. The State has a
10 responsibility to provide its youth with a variety of
11 educational out-of-school activities that build character and
12 self-esteem.

13 Hawaii has been recognized by the After-school Alliance as
14 being one of the top ten states for providing out-of-school
15 programs. More than a decade of research confirms that high-
16 quality after-school programs inspire and motivate children to
17 learn, support children's social and emotional growth, and help
18 raise academic achievement. A study of outcomes associated with
19 participation in after-school programs found that students who
20 regularly participate during the elementary school years showed
21 a variety of gains, including: narrowing the math achievement



1 gap at grade five between high-income and low-income students;
2 improving work habits and self-sufficiency; and reducing the
3 number of school absences. Furthermore, seventy-two per cent of
4 parents surveyed in Hawaii agree that after-school programs help
5 working parents to keep their jobs.

6 However, each day after the school day ends, seventeen per
7 cent or approximately 36,474 of Hawaii's youth in grades K-12
8 are responsible for taking care of themselves.

9 States have supported policies that expand learning
10 opportunities to advance a range of state education and youth
11 goals. These opportunities, known as expanded learning
12 opportunities, offer structured learning environments outside
13 the traditional school day hours through before- and after-
14 school programs. They provide a range of enrichment and
15 learning activities in various subjects, including arts; civic
16 engagement; language; and science, technology, engineering, and
17 math.

18 The approximate total cost to fund out-of-school and after-
19 school programs is \$21,000,000, divided as follows: A-plus
20 program, \$1,000,000; middle school program, including
21 intermediate athletics, \$9,000,000; junior varsity and varsity



1 athletics, \$8,000,000; and career and technical education,
2 \$3,000,000. The State recognizes the importance of these
3 programs and proposes a phased funding plan over the next three
4 fiscal years, as follows:

5 (1) Phase I, fiscal year 2016-2017: \$9,000,000
6 Middle schools (fifty-four department of
7 education schools and thirty public charter
8 schools);

9 (2) Phase II, fiscal year 2017-2018: \$11,000,000
10 Forty-four public high schools; and

11 (3) Phase III, fiscal year 2018-2019: \$1,000,000
12 173 public elementary schools and seven public
13 charter schools.

14 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 15 (1) Establish the Hawaii three-to-six out-of-school
16 program;
- 17 (2) Create the Hawaii three-to-six out-of-school program
18 revolving fund;
- 19 (3) Provide a single funding source to fund after-school
20 programs included in the Hawaii three to six out-of-
21 school program, such as the following: After-school



1 plus program (A+); After-School All-Stars; athletics;
2 career and technical education; middle school
3 programming; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics,
4 Culture, and Health for Hawaii (R.E.A.C.H.);
5 rugby4good; United Peers Learning, Integrating New
6 Knowledge (UPLINK); and 21st Century Community
7 Learning Centers; and

8 (4) Make an appropriation.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "§302A-A Hawaii three-to-six out-of-school program. (a)
13 There is established within the department the Hawaii three-to-
14 six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through
15 twelve, to be conducted during after-school hours, on weekends,
16 and during inter-sessions. All public schools, including
17 charter schools, may participate in and be eligible for funding
18 through the program. The department may contract with private
19 providers to operate the program; provided that this section
20 shall not be interpreted to impose any liability whatsoever of



1 any kind or nature upon the department, its employees, or its
2 agents.

3 (b) The program shall be funded from appropriations from
4 the three-to-six out-of-school program revolving fund
5 established under section 302A-B. In addition, the department:

6 (1) Shall seek other funding sources, including federal
7 grants, private entities, individuals, nonprofit
8 organizations, and religious entities; provided that
9 donated or voluntary services shall be deemed the
10 equivalent of funding; and

11 (2) May collect fees from student participants in the
12 program.

13 §302A-B Hawaii three-to-six out-of-school program
14 revolving fund. There is established within the treasury of the
15 State the Hawaii, the three-to-six out-of-school program
16 revolving fund, to be administered by the department. The
17 revolving fund shall consist of:

18 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature; and

19 (2) Fees, donations, and other funds, as provided in
20 section 302A-A."



1 SECTION 3. 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 2016-2017 for
4 deposit into the Hawaii three-to-six out-of-school program
5 revolving fund established by section 2 of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii three-
7 to-six out-of-school program revolving fund the sum of \$
8 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017
9 for implementation costs and expenses for the Hawaii three-to-
10 six out-of-school program established by section 2 of this Act.

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

13 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
14 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
15 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
16 the new sections in this Act.

17 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Education; Hawaii Three-to-Six Out-of-School Program and
Revolving Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Three-to-six Out-of-school Program for grades kindergarten through twelve. Authorizes the Department of Education to contract with private providers to furnish out-of-school programs for grades kindergarten through twelve, conducted during after-school hours, on weekends, and during inter-sessions. Establishes the Hawaii Three-to-six Out-of-school Program Revolving Fund, to be administered by the Department of Education. Makes appropriations. (HB2738 HD1)

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