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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL INNOVATION GRANTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is a matter of  
2 statewide concern to authorize public school innovation and  
3 systemic school empowerment under the auspices of the Every  
4 Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), authorized as P.L. 114-95.  
5 ESSA offers the State of Hawaii a new opportunity to set a  
6 renewed vision of high expectations and move away from a "one  
7 size fits all" approach to student learning. ESSA provides our  
8 public school system the authority to embrace public school  
9 innovation and systemic school empowerment, within a context of  
10 Hawaii's unique values, beliefs, culture, history, and language.

11           The legislature further finds that there is a public  
12 benefit from school-level innovation, beginning with the  
13 development of exemplary leadership and elevation of the  
14 teaching profession. Such exemplary leadership will reflect  
15 school-level and community-based input, recognize visionary  
16 educational practices, and reward achievement of school-based  
17 targets. Teachers will be empowered to adopt educational



1 practices that support global learner outcomes based upon  
2 individual assessments rather than standardized testing.

3 The board of education shall, as a matter of statewide  
4 policy, encourage innovation in department of education schools  
5 that support global learner outcomes and recognize cultural  
6 context. All public schools shall be challenged to close  
7 achievement gaps and prepare students to be successful in a new  
8 innovation economy.

9 The purpose of this Act is to provide authority to the  
10 board of education to award grants to support school-level  
11 innovations reflecting visionary and aspirational educational  
12 practices that will result in closing student achievement gaps  
13 and fund these grants.

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

17 "§302A- Public school innovation grants program. (a)  
18 There is established within the department of education, a  
19 public school innovation grants program under the direction of  
20 the board. The board shall, on an annual basis:



- 1        (1) Adopt guiding principles and measures of success to  
2        implement the purposes of the program;
- 3        (2) Develop a request for proposals based upon the guiding  
4        principles and measures of success, including a  
5        schedule of proposal submission and award deadlines;
- 6        (3) Ensure that information about the grant program is  
7        published and broadcast via electronic media sites  
8        managed by the department of education;
- 9        (4) Create a grant review and awards committee composed of  
10       eleven members to include the chairperson of the  
11       board, a second member of the board, the student  
12       member of the board, four teachers, three principals,  
13       and one parent; provided that the counties of Kauai,  
14       Maui, and Hawaii shall each be represented by a  
15       committee member; and
- 16       (5) Make awards to schools or programs that reflect the  
17       board's guiding principles and that have the potential  
18       for knowledge transfer within the public school  
19       system.



1        (b) Beginning with the convening of the regular session of  
2 2019, the board shall submit to the legislature an annual report  
3 that includes:

4        (1) A list of the schools or programs receiving the grants  
5 and the amount of each grant;

6        (2) A description of the innovations being supported by  
7 each grant; and

8        (3) The measures of success being used for each grant.

9        §302A- Public school innovation grants special fund.

10       (a) There is established in the state treasury, the public  
11 school innovation grants special fund, into which shall be  
12 deposited:

13       (1) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;  
14 and

15       (2) All interest and earnings accruing from the investment  
16 of moneys in the fund.

17       (b) Moneys in the public school innovation grants special  
18 fund shall be used to make awards to schools or programs that  
19 reflect the board's guiding principles and that have the  
20 potential for knowledge transfer within the public school  
21 system."



1 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There shall be a principal executive department to be  
4 known as the department of education, which shall be headed by a  
5 policy-making board to be known as the board of education. The  
6 board shall have power in accordance with law to formulate  
7 statewide educational policy, adopt student performance  
8 standards and assessment models, monitor school success,  
9 administer the public school innovation grants program, and  
10 appoint the superintendent of education as the chief executive  
11 officer of the public school system."

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$ or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018, for  
15 deposit into the public school innovation grants special fund.

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the public school  
17 innovation grants special fund the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018, for the  
19 public school innovation grants program.

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



1 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



**Report Title:**

Public School Innovation Grants Program; Special Fund;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Public School Innovation Grants Program to support school-level innovation. Authorizes the Board of Education to administer the Grants Program. Establishes the Public School Innovation Grants Special Fund. Makes appropriations. (HB1092 HD1)

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