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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that all K-12 public  
2 education students should develop, maintain, and grow in an  
3 understanding and appreciation of Hawaiian culture, language,  
4 values, practices, and concepts consistent with the State's  
5 recognition of the current and historical context of these  
6 islands.

7           It is necessary to support teachers in gaining knowledge of  
8 Hawaiian studies content and to support the use of community  
9 resources and resource experts to enhance K-12 public education  
10 students' classroom experiences. Furthermore, the board of  
11 education and department of education have recently taken  
12 significant actions through policy-making and allocating  
13 resources, including personnel and fiscal resources, to develop  
14 and implement appropriate curricula, standards, performance  
15 assessment tools, professional development, and strategies for  
16 community engagement related to Hawaiian studies, culture,  
17 language, values, and practices.



1           The office of Hawaiian education of the department of  
2 education serves as an avenue through which the K-12 public  
3 education system can strengthen its efforts across the system in  
4 the area of Hawaiian studies and Ka Papahana Kaiapuni  
5 educational programming. Moreover, the Hawaiian studies program  
6 cultural personnel resources in the department of education is  
7 essential to delivering and implementing appropriate curricula,  
8 standards, performance assessment tools, professional  
9 development, and strategies for community engagement related to  
10 Hawaiian studies, culture, language, values, and practices.

11           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
12 office of Hawaiian education of the department of education.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2018-2019 for the continued funding of Hawaiian studies program  
18 cultural personnel resources in the office of Hawaiian education  
19 of the department of education.

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# H.B. NO. 910

**Report Title:**

Office of Hawaiian Education; Department of Education;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Education of the  
Department of Education.

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