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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

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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 to provide a funding mechanism for 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. (a) There is
18 established within the department of education, a public school
19 innovation grants program under the direction of the board of
20 education. The board shall, on an annual basis:

21 (1) Adopt guiding principles and measures of success to
22 implement the purposes of the program;

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- 1 (2) Develop a request for proposals based upon the guiding
2 principles and measures of success, including a
3 schedule of proposal submission and award deadlines;
- 4 (3) Ensure that information about the grant program is
5 published and broadcast via electronic media sites
6 managed by the department of education;
- 7 (4) Create a grant review and awards committee composed of
8 eleven members to include the board chairperson, a
9 second board member, the student board member, four
10 teachers, three principals, and one parent; provided
11 that the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii shall
12 each be represented by a committee member; and
- 13 (5) Make awards to schools or programs that reflect the
14 board's guiding principles and that have the potential
15 for knowledge transfer within the public school
16 system.
- 17 (c) Beginning with the convening of the 2019 regular
18 session, the board of education shall submit to the legislature,
19 an annual report including:
- 20 (1) A list of the schools or programs receiving the grants
21 and the amount of each grant;
- 22 (2) A description of the innovations being supported by
23 each grant; and

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

2 §302A- Public school innovation grants special fund.

3 (a) There is established in the state treasury, the public
4 school innovation grants special fund, into which shall be
5 deposited:

6 (1) Fifty per cent of the carryover of funds pursuant to
7 section 37-41.5(a);

8 (2) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;
9 and

10 (3) All interest and earnings accruing from the investment
11 of moneys in the fund.

12 (b) Moneys in the public school innovation grants special
13 fund shall be used to make awards to schools or programs that
14 reflect the board's guiding principles and that have the
15 potential for knowledge transfer within the public school
16 system."

17 SECTION 3. Section 37-41.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (a), to read as follows:

19 "(a) The department of education may retain up to five per
20 cent of any appropriation, except for appropriations to fund
21 financing agreements entered into in accordance with chapter
22 37D, at the close of a fiscal year; provided that the department
23 shall transfer an amount for innovation grants as directed by

1 the board, for allocation to the public school innovation grants
2 special fund and the funds retained shall not lapse until June
3 30 of the first fiscal year of the next fiscal biennium. The
4 department of education shall submit:

- 5 (1) A report to the director of finance ninety days after
6 the close of each fiscal year, which shall be prepared
7 in the form prescribed by the director of finance and
8 shall identify the total amount of funds that will
9 carry over to the next fiscal year; and
- 10 (2) A copy of this report to the legislature, as well as a
11 report identifying the carryover of funds on a school-
12 by-school basis, at least twenty days prior to the
13 convening of the next regular session of the
14 legislature."

15 SECTION 4. Section 302A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
16 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) There shall be a principal executive department to be
18 known as the department of education, which shall be headed by a
19 policy-making board to be known as the board of education. The
20 board shall have power in accordance with law to formulate
21 statewide educational policy, adopt student performance
22 standards and assessment models, monitor school success,
23 administer the public school innovation grants program, and

1 appoint the superintendent of education as the chief executive
2 officer of the public school system."

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$10,000,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018, for
6 deposit into the public school innovation grants special fund.

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

9 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the public school
10 innovation grants special fund the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018, for the
12 public school innovation grants program.

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

15 SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Public School Innovation Grants Program

Description:

Establishes the public school innovation grants program to support school-level innovations; authorizes the board of education to administer the grants program; provides a funding mechanism for these grants; establishes a special fund.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL INNOVATION GRANTS

PURPOSE: Establish the Public School Innovation Grants Special Fund to fund the Public School Innovation Grants Program; amend the Department of Education's (DOE) carryover of funds to provide a funding mechanism for the Public School Innovation Grants; amend the Board of Education's powers to permit it to administer the Public School Innovation Grants Program; provide startup funding for the Public School Innovation Grants Special Fund; and appropriate moneys out of the Public School Innovation Grants Special Fund.

MEANS: Add two new sections to chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and amend sections 37-41.5 and 302A-1101, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and renews the nation's commitment to equal opportunities for all students.

The State continues to move forward and improve its public education and its commitment to elementary and secondary school students.

This bill builds on that commitment and directs the Board of Education to:

- adopt measures and principles to ensure success of the program;
- develop a request for proposals;
- ensure information about the program is published online;
- create a grant review and awards committee;

- make awards to schools or programs that reflect the guiding principles; and
- submit an annual report on the grant program.

Impact on the public: Will promote school-level innovation and community-based input in educational practices.

Impact on the department and other agencies: While the total funding for the DOE will remain unchanged, funding for individual schools may vary.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: All EDN

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017.