
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that improving our
2 schools begins by setting a goal and having a vision. The state
3 department of education strategic plan sets goals to increase
4 student engagement, student empowerment, and support for its
5 employees. Often a vision can stem from observations of best
6 practices adopted in other states. Examples of best practices
7 include operations that emphasize peer-to-peer learning and
8 teacher-personnel engagement.

9 The legislature finds that Massachusetts is making notable
10 advances in education, as evidenced by its internationally
11 competitive assessment results, educational practices, and
12 student learning outcomes. Massachusetts established a
13 collaborative planning and expanded learning time initiative
14 geared toward better supporting the growth of its teachers and
15 students. The Massachusetts public school system is similar to
16 the public school system in Hawaii.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish and implement a
2 model pilot program within one department of education complex
3 area.

4 SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with school year 2019-2020, the
5 department of education shall establish and implement a four-
6 year pilot program within one complex area.

7 (b) The pilot program may provide public school teachers
8 with at least forty-five minutes every school day for:

9 (1) Individual teacher preparation time to allow teachers
10 to adequately prepare for instruction the following
11 day;

12 (2) Collaborative teacher preparation time to allow
13 opportunities for like-grade teachers to facilitate
14 conversation amongst each other regarding effective
15 pedagogy in the classrooms to create high-quality
16 lesson plans; and

17 (3) Teachers to, at the start of each school day or prior
18 to the conclusion of each school day, work with
19 students who are struggling with any lesson taught
20 earlier that day or the preceding day.



1 (c) The department of education may structure public
2 school classroom operations within the pilot program complex
3 area in the following ways:

4 (1) Classroom desks may be placed in clusters or pods to
5 facilitate and encourage peer-led group learning; and

6 (2) Elementary teachers and teacher assistants may work in
7 pairs based on complementary strengths or backgrounds.
8 Elementary teachers and teacher assistants with
9 educational backgrounds in math or science may be
10 paired with an elementary teacher or teacher assistant
11 whose educational background is in reading or the
12 arts.

13 (d) The public school principals and vice principals in
14 the pilot program complex area may adopt the following
15 practices:

16 (1) Each principal may rotate amongst the public
17 elementary, middle or intermediate, and high schools
18 in the designated complex area. The rotation may be
19 based upon where the highest need or demand for
20 administrative support is so that principals are
21 actively available to all teachers and students; and



1 (2) Principals and vice principals may rotate time in each
2 public school classroom to observe educational
3 practices; provided that the intent of the
4 observations is to offer a tool to increase
5 professional growth and further develop effective
6 teaching, not monitor teacher performance.

7 (e) The department of education may implement project-
8 based learning into the curriculum of this pilot program.

9 (f) The department of education shall submit an annual
10 report of its findings to the legislature no later than twenty
11 days prior to the convening of each regular session.

12 SECTION 3. 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 2019-2020 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2020-2021 to establish and implement a model pilot program
17 within one department of education complex area.

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



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2023.



Report Title:

Pilot Program; Best Practices; Department of Education

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to establish and implement a four-year pilot program within one complex area. Authorizes best practices for the pilot program. Appropriates funds.
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