
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EDUCATOR LOAN PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 2001, the legislature established the Hawaii
2 educator loan program to address the State's chronic teacher
3 shortage by providing loans to students participating in teacher
4 education programs. The program provides loans to students who
5 agree to teach in hard-to-fill positions at public schools or at
6 public schools located in rural areas. Loan recipients who
7 successfully complete their teaching education program and go on
8 to teach in a position that meets the requirements of the
9 program are eligible for forgiveness of the loan.

10 The legislature finds that, due to the loan forgiveness
11 provision of the program, the amount of funds available for new
12 loans has steadily decreased over the last decade. Despite the
13 shrinking pool of funds, the State continues to face a growing
14 shortage of qualified teachers. Specifically, the State had an
15 estimated shortage of four hundred forty-nine positions during
16 the 2016-2017 school year. Testimony from a recent board of
17 education human resources committee meeting indicated that fewer



1 people are entering the teaching profession, with thirty per
2 cent fewer graduates joining the department of education during
3 the 2016-2017 school year compared to the 2010-2011 school year.

4 The legislature finds that increasing the amount of funds
5 available to issue new loans under the Hawaii educator loan
6 program will help to encourage more students to teach in hard-
7 to-fill positions within the department of education, including
8 those at rural schools.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Appropriate funds into the Hawaii educator loan
11 program revolving fund; and
12 (2) Appropriate funds out of the Hawaii educator loan
13 program revolving fund to be used for new student
14 loans under the Hawaii educator loan program.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be
18 deposited into the Hawaii educator loan program revolving fund.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
20 educator loan program revolving fund the sum of \$600,000 or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be
2 used for the Hawaii educator loan program.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Educator Loan Program Revolving Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys into and out of the Hawaii educator loan program revolving fund to provide loans for students who are completing a state-approved teacher education program and who agree to teach in a hard-to-fill position in the public school system or at a public school located in a rural area of the State.

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