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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION 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 enable 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 the  
8 State's public school system the authority to embrace public  
9 school innovation and systemic school empowerment within a  
10 context of Hawaii's unique values, beliefs, culture, history,  
11 and language.

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



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

3 Pursuant to this measure, the board of education shall, as  
4 a matter of statewide policy, encourage innovation in department  
5 of education schools that support global learner outcomes and  
6 recognize cultural context.

7 The purpose of this Act is to provide authority to the  
8 board of education to award grants to support school-level  
9 innovations reflecting visionary and aspirational educational  
10 practices and to fund these grants.

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

14 "§302A- Education innovation grants program. (a) There  
15 is established within the department, an education innovation  
16 grants program for department schools under the direction of the  
17 board. The board shall:

18 (1) Adopt guiding principles and measures of success to  
19 implement the purposes of the grants program;



- 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 grants program is  
5        published and broadcast via electronic media sites  
6        managed by the department; and
- 7        (4) Award grants to department schools or programs that  
8        reflect the board's guiding principles and that have  
9        the potential for knowledge transfer within the public  
10       school system.
- 11       (b) Beginning with the convening of the regular session of  
12       2021, the board shall submit to the legislature an annual report  
13       that includes:
- 14       (1) A list of the schools or programs receiving the grants  
15       and the amount of each grant;
- 16       (2) A description of the innovations being supported by  
17       each grant; and
- 18       (3) The measures of success applicable to each grant.
- 19       §302A- Education innovation grants special fund. (a)  
20       There is established in the state treasury, the education  
21       innovation grants special fund, into which shall be deposited:



- 1        (1) Appropriations made by the legislature to the fund;
- 2                and
- 3        (2) All interest and earnings accruing from the investment
- 4                of moneys in the fund.
- 5        (b) Moneys in the education innovation grants special fund
- 6        shall be used to award grants to department schools or programs
- 7        that reflect the board's guiding principles and that have the
- 8        potential for knowledge transfer within the public school
- 9        system."

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

12        "(a) There shall be a principal executive department to be  
13 known as the department of education, which shall be headed by a  
14 policy-making board to be known as the board of education. The  
15 board shall have power in accordance with law to formulate  
16 statewide educational policy, adopt student performance  
17 standards and assessment models, monitor school success,  
18 administer the education innovation grants program and special  
19 fund, and appoint the superintendent of education as the chief  
20 executive officer of the public school system."



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 5 2020-2021 to be deposited into the education innovation grants  
 6 special fund.

7 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the education  
 8 innovation grants special fund the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much  
 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
 10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 11 2020-2021 for the education innovation grants program.

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

14 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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# H.B. NO. 413

**Report Title:**

Education Innovation Grants Program; Special Fund; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Education Innovation Grants Program to support school-level innovation. Authorizes the Board of Education to administer the Grants Program. Establishes the Education Innovation Grants Special Fund. Makes appropriations.

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