
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 approximately
2 seventy-four per cent of all children in Hawaii are raised by
3 working families. The Afterschool Alliance reports that thirty-
4 eight per cent of all Hawaii children who are not enrolled in an
5 after-school program would be likely to participate in a program
6 if one were available in the community.

7 Approximately 1,355 children in Hawaii are homeless and can
8 benefit from a safe, structured out-of-school environment. Out-
9 of-school programs can be aligned with the school day to
10 complement, but not duplicate, learning and can expose students
11 to arts, culture, literacy, fitness, math, science, character
12 development, and community service. The purpose of out-of-
13 school programs is to provide quality care and a quality
14 learning experience while preventing Hawaii's youth from
15 engaging in risky behaviors that may lead to tobacco, alcohol,
16 or drug use or teen pregnancy and often result in youth dropping
17 out of school or not being prepared to enter the workforce.



1 Many out-of-school programs offered by community organizations
2 are expensive and often inaccessible due to the high demand for
3 services driven by lack of out-of-school programming throughout
4 the State. The State has a responsibility to provide its youth
5 with a variety of educational out-of-school activities that
6 build character and self-esteem.

7 Hawaii has been recognized by Afterschool Alliance as one
8 of the top ten states for providing out-of-school programs.
9 More than a decade of research confirms that quality afterschool
10 programs inspire and motivate children to learn, support
11 children's social and emotional growth, and help raise academic
12 achievement. A study of outcomes associated with participation
13 in after-school programs found that students who regularly
14 participate during the elementary school years showed a variety
15 of gains, including: narrowing the math achievement gap between
16 high-income and low-income students at grade five; improving
17 work habits and self-sufficiency; and reducing the number of
18 school absences. Furthermore, seventy-two per cent of parents
19 surveyed in Hawaii agree that after-school programs help working
20 parents keep their jobs.



1 However, each day after the school day ends, seventeen per
2 cent or approximately 36,474 of Hawaii's youth in grades K-12
3 are responsible for taking care of themselves.

4 States have supported policies that expand learning
5 opportunities to advance a range of state education and youth
6 goals. These opportunities, known as Expanded Learning
7 Opportunities (ELOs), offer structured learning environments
8 outside the traditional school day hours through before- and
9 after-school programs. These opportunities also provide a range
10 of enrichment and learning activities in various subjects,
11 including arts; civic engagement; language; and science,
12 technology, engineering, and math.

13 The approximate total to fund out-of-school and after-
14 school programs is \$21,000,000, divided as follows: A-plus
15 program, \$1,000,000; middle school program including
16 intermediate athletics, \$9,000,000; junior varsity and varsity
17 athletics, \$8,000,000; and career and technical education,
18 \$3,000,000.

19 The purpose of this Act is to:

20 (1) Establish the Hawaii three to six out-of-school
21 program;



1 (2) Create the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program
2 special fund; provided that the department may seek
3 matching funding from the private sector;

4 (3) Provide a single funding source to fund after-school
5 programs including but not limited to the Hawaii three
6 to six out-of-school program, such as the following:
7 After-school plus program (A+); athletics; workplace
8 learning; middle school programming; Resources for
9 Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health for Hawai'i
10 (R.E.A.C.H.); United Peers Learning, Integrating New
11 Knowledge (UPLINK); and 21st Century Community
12 Learning Centers; and

13 (4) Make an appropriation.

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-A Hawaii three to six out-of-school program. (a)

18 There is established within the community engagement branch of
19 the department the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program for
20 grades kindergarten through twelve, to be conducted during
21 after-school hours, on weekends, and during inter-sessions. All



1 public schools, including charter schools, may participate in
2 and be eligible for funding through the program. The department
3 may contract with private providers to furnish the program;
4 provided that this section shall not be interpreted to impose
5 any liability upon the State, its employees, or its agents.

6 (b) The program shall be funded from appropriations from
7 the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program special fund
8 established under section 302A-B. Additionally, the department:

9 (1) Shall seek funding from other sources, including
10 funding from federal grants, private entities,
11 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and religious
12 entities; provided that donated or voluntary services
13 shall be deemed the equivalent of funding; provided
14 that the department may seek matching funding from the
15 private sector; and

16 (2) May collect fees from student participants in the
17 program.

18 §302A-B Hawaii three to six out-of-school program special
19 fund. There is established in the state treasury the Hawaii
20 three to six out-of-school program special fund to be



1 administered by the department. The revenues of the special
2 fund shall consist of:

- 3 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature; and
- 4 (2) Funds obtained and fees charged pursuant to section
5 302A-A."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2020-2021 for deposit into the Hawaii three to six out-of-school
11 program special fund established under section 2 of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii three
13 to six out-of-school program special fund the sum of \$
14 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020
15 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
16 fiscal year 2020-2021 for implementation costs and expenses for
17 the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program established under
18 section 2 of this act; provided that career and technical
19 education programs shall receive the highest priority with
20 regard to allocation of the funds appropriated.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of education for the purposes of this Act; provided that ten per
3 cent of funding shall go toward state administrative duties,
4 technical assistance, program evaluations, program monitoring,
5 and data collection.

6 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
7 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
8 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
9 the new sections in this Act.

10 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
12 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,
13 2050.



Report Title:

Education; Hawaii Three to Six Out-of-School Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through twelve. Authorizes the department of education to contract with private providers to furnish out-of-school programs for grades kindergarten through twelve, conducted during after-school hours, on weekends, and during inter-sessions on the premises of the private providers. Specifies that the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program special fund is to be administered by the department of education. Makes appropriations. (SB1515 HD1)

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