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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SCHOOL SUPPLY SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Title I, Part A of  
2 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the  
3 Every Student Succeeds Act, provides federal financial  
4 assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high  
5 percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure  
6 educational success. The legislature further finds that a pilot  
7 program to subsidize school supplies for schools composed  
8 entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I would  
9 be a useful pilot to identify methods for relieving the  
10 financial burden of education on low-income families.

11           As a school composed entirely of students eligible for  
12 participation in Title I, the legislature identifies Na'alehu  
13 elementary school for a pilot program. The legislature further  
14 finds that many students who attend Na'alehu elementary school  
15 live in rural areas across Ka'u and experience geographical  
16 challenges such as limited opportunities and isolation from  
17 educational resources.



1           The legislature further finds that, based on the school  
2 supplies list for the 2020-2021 school year at Na‘alehu  
3 elementary school and the average cost of school supplies at  
4 local stores, the cost for school supplies by grade are as  
5 follows: grade one: \$4,451.58, grade two: \$1,605.86, grade  
6 three: \$3,646.08, grade four: \$5,186.94, grade five:  
7 \$4,913.63, and grade six: \$3,969.

8           The legislature further finds that, despite the current  
9 economic situation, Hawai‘i's schools should focus resources to  
10 retaining and developing those qualified teachers, support  
11 staff, and administrators who collaborate to create and sustain  
12 the successful learning environments necessary to graduate every  
13 student.

14           The purpose of this Act is to establish and make an  
15 appropriation for a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program  
16 at Na‘alehu elementary school.

17           SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with school year 2020-2021, the  
18 department of education shall establish and implement a one-year  
19 school supply subsidy pilot program at Na‘alehu elementary  
20 school.



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1 (b) The department of education shall submit a report of  
 2 its findings and recommendations regarding the school supply  
 3 subsidy pilot program, including any proposed legislation, to  
 4 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
 5 of the 2021 regular session.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 7 revenues the sum of \$23,773.09, or so much thereof as may be  
 8 necessary, for fiscal year 2020-2021 to establish and implement  
 9 a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program at Na'alehu  
 10 elementary school.

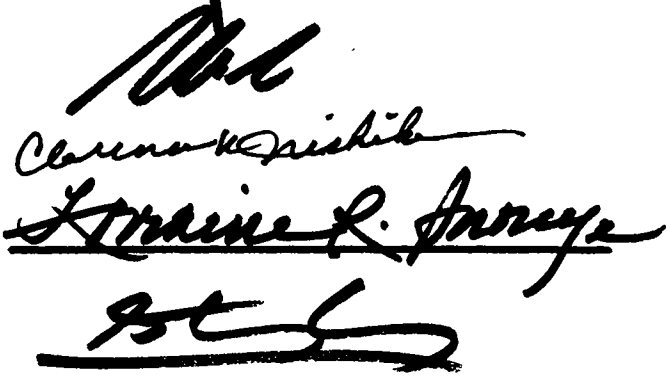
11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 12 education for purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020, and  
 14 shall be repealed on June 30, 2021.

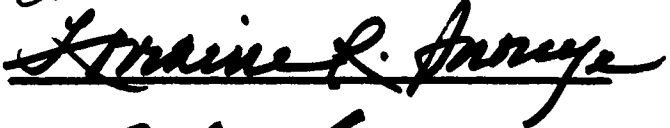
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**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Naalehu Elementary School

**Description:**

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