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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OUTDOORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to title 12, subtitle 6, to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE GRANT PROGRAM

6 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

7 "Chairperson" means chairperson of the board of land and
8 natural resources.

9 "Department" means the department of land and natural
10 resources.

11 § -2 No child left inside grant program; established.

12 (a) There is established within the department the no child
13 left inside grant program. The no child left inside grant
14 program shall be an outdoor education and recreation grant
15 program subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.

16 (b) The department shall implement the no child left
17 inside grant program to provide resources and support to public



1 agencies, private organizations, and individuals in establishing
2 and maintaining outdoor education and recreation programs for
3 children. Eligible applicants to the no child left inside grant
4 program shall include both existing and new programs that
5 provide outdoor education and recreation programs for children
6 in the State. Any participating school program shall be fully
7 aligned with the academic learning requirements for science in
8 the State.

9 (c) The no child left inside grant program shall be phased
10 in beginning with schools and students having the greatest needs
11 in suburban, rural, and urban areas in the State. Any grant
12 awarded shall be for outdoor education and recreation programs
13 that focus on students who:

- 14 (1) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch;
15 (2) Are most likely to fail academically; or
16 (3) Have the greatest potential to drop out of school.

17 § -3 Priorities and award criteria. (a) The
18 chairperson shall set priorities and develop criteria for the
19 awarding of grants to outdoor education and recreation programs.
20 Consideration shall be given to any programs that include one or
21 more of the following:



(1) Contribution to the reduction of academic failure and dropout rates;

(2) Utilization of nationally accredited environmental education curriculum;

(3) Outdoor recreation and sound nutrition programming to contribute to healthy lifestyles;

(4) Use of a state park as a venue or the department's personnel as a resource;

(5) Maximizing the number of participants that can be served;

(6) Commitment to matching or in-kind resources; and

(7) Creation of public-private partnerships.

(b) Any public agency in the State may develop and implement outdoor education and recreation programs.

(c) The chairperson may award grants to outdoor education and recreation programs established by any public agency. The chairperson may contract with any public or private agency or person to develop and implement outdoor education and recreation programs.

§ -4 Advisory committee. (a) The chairperson shall create an advisory committee to assist and advise the department



1 in the development and administration of the no child left
2 inside grant program. The advisory committee shall include the:

3 (1) Chairperson of the board of land and natural
4 resources, who shall serve as chair of the advisory
5 committee;

6 (2) Superintendent of education or the superintendent's
7 designee;

8 (3) Administrator of the department's division of forestry
9 and wildlife;

10 (4) Respective county department heads having jurisdiction
11 over county parks and recreation resources;

12 (5) Members of the business community invited to
13 participate by the chairperson;

14 (6) Representatives of outdoor organizations having a
15 focus on education invited to participate by the
16 chairperson; and

17 (7) Any other representative deemed necessary to ensure
18 representation of a cross-section of stakeholders, as
19 invited to participate by the chairperson;

20 provided that the advisory committee shall include at least one
21 member from each county.



(b) Advisory committee members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

§ -5 No child left inside grant program special fund.

(a) There is established within the treasury of the State the no child left inside grant program special fund, to be administered by the department. The following moneys shall be deposited into the no child left inside grant program special fund:

- (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund;
- (2) Gifts, donations, and grants received by the no child left inside grant program; and
- (3) Moneys directed to the department for purposes of the no child left inside grant program from any other source, including revenues generated pursuant to the administration of this chapter.

All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited into the no child left inside grant program special fund shall become part of the fund.



(b) Moneys in the no child left inside grant program special fund shall be used for the following purposes:

(1) Awarding of grants and contracts pursuant to this chapter; and

(2) Administration of the no child left inside grant program pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be deposited into the no child left inside grant program special fund.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the no child left inside grant program special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the administration and awarding of grants and contracts pursuant to the no child left inside grant program.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

DLNR; No Child Left Inside Program; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the no child left inside grant program for the awarding of grants promoting outdoor education and recreation programs. Establishes the no child left inside grant program special fund. Appropriates funds.

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