DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

7/7/2022

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on 7/7/2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2818 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO SUMMER EDUCATION. **ACT 259**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

ACT 259

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2818 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUMMER EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus
- 2 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has and continues to disrupt
- 3 learning and adversely impact Hawaii's students, especially the
- 4 most vulnerable. Data for school year 2021 to 2022 show that
- 5 more than sixty per cent of elementary and middle school
- 6 students are one or two grade levels behind in their studies.
- 7 Students are also in need of more support to build
- 8 social-emotional skills and heal from trauma.
- 9 According to the Afterschool Alliance and National Summer
- 10 Learning Association, summer learning programs have a proven
- 11 record of providing the support that students need. In addition
- 12 to enriching the academic experience and providing opportunities
- 13 for social-emotional support, summer learning programs provide
- 14 healthy meals, active play, and hands-on vocational experiences.
- 15 Importantly, struggling students and children from low-income
- 16 households often experience the greatest gains from summer
- 17 learning programs.

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- 1 The legislature further finds that the establishment of the
- 2 elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund, created
- 3 under federal legislation passed in response to the COVID-19
- 4 pandemic, has provided an unprecedented amount of funds to
- 5 support public schools and summer learning programs.
- 6 The legislature also finds, however, that the department of
- 7 education needs additional capacity to coordinate and support
- 8 efforts to accelerate learning during the summer. By
- 9 coordinating services and targeting the most impacted and
- 10 vulnerable students, the department of education can reduce or
- 11 eliminate redundant efforts and promote the equitable provision
- 12 of services. Additional capacity will also help the department
- 13 of education coordinate its efforts with the efforts of other
- 14 governmental agencies and community organizations that provide
- 15 summer programming for students, which, in turn, helps identify
- 16 gaps in summer learning opportunities.
- 17 The purpose of this Act is to establish and fund a summer
- 18 learning coordinator position within the department of
- 19 education.
- 20 SECTION 2. There is established within the department of
- 21 education one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position

- 1 of summer learning coordinator to coordinate all school-based
- 2 summer programs for children, including but not limited to the
- 3 public summer school, e-school summer program, Credit Recovery
- 4 summer program, alternative learning summer programs, and other
- 5 school-based summer programs.
- 6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much
- 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
- 9 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position
- 10 of summer learning coordinator within the department of
- 11 education.
- 12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 13 education for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

S.B. NO.

APPROVED this 7th day of July , 2022

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

MM n. M.
President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2818, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk

House of Representatives