
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 (Title I), 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.

7 The legislature further finds that a pilot program to
8 subsidize school supplies for schools composed entirely of
9 students eligible for participation in Title I, such as Naalehu
10 elementary school, would be useful to identify methods for
11 relieving the financial burden of education on low-income
12 families. Many students who attend Naalehu elementary school
13 live in rural areas across Kau and experience geographical
14 challenges, such as limited opportunities and isolation from
15 educational resources.

16 The legislature further finds that, as an exemplar, based
17 on the school supplies list for the 2021-2022 school year at



1 Naalehu elementary school and the average cost of school
2 supplies at local stores, the cost for school supplies by grade
3 are as follows: grade one, \$4,451.58; grade two, \$1,605.86;
4 grade three, \$3,646.08; grade four, \$5,186.94; grade five,
5 \$4,913.63; and grade six, \$3,969.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish and make an
7 appropriation for a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program
8 at all schools composed entirely of students eligible for
9 participation in Title I, including but not limited to Naalehu
10 elementary school.

11 SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year,
12 the department of education shall establish and implement a one-
13 year school supply subsidy pilot program at all schools composed
14 entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I,
15 including but not limited to Naalehu elementary school.

16 (b) The department of education shall submit a report of
17 its findings and recommendations regarding the school supply
18 subsidy pilot program, including any proposed legislation, to
19 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
20 of the regular session of 2024.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
4 establish and implement a one-year school supply subsidy pilot
5 program at all schools composed entirely of students eligible
6 for participation in Title I, including but not limited to
7 Naalehu elementary school.

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

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
11 shall be repealed on January 1, 2024.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Pilot Program; School Supplies; Naalehu Elementary School; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a one-year school supply subsidy pilot program at all schools composed entirely of students eligible for participation in Title I. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. Repeals on 1/1/2024. (SD1)

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