

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a severe
2 shortage of qualified teachers in public school classrooms
3 throughout the State. Each year, the department of education
4 looks for approximately one thousand two hundred teachers to
5 fill vacancies in early education and kindergarten through
6 twelfth grade levels. While the department of education can
7 staff most of its positions, the legislature further finds that
8 approximately six hundred classrooms statewide are staffed by
9 long-term substitutes, rather than full-time teachers.

10 The legislature also finds that teacher professional
11 development focuses on the provision of a long-term, sustained
12 commitment to educational practice through professional
13 learning, application, and reflection, and results in enhanced
14 student learning. With ample professional development
15 opportunities, teachers can be empowered to invest in their area
16 of focus and pursue a career educating keiki in Hawai'i. As
17 such, the legislature believes that it is incumbent upon the



1 State to provide professional development for teachers to
2 encourage retention and cultivate a culture of empowerment among
3 teachers and principals.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
5 funds to the department of education for teacher professional
6 development.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
10 professional development of school teachers employed by the
11 department of education.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 3209

Report Title:

Department of Education; Teacher Development

Description:

Appropriates funds for teacher professional development.

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