



GOV. MSG. NO. 1227

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 28, 2024

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second 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 June 28, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2074 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION.
ACT 126

Sincerely,



Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education has experienced significant growth in the demand for
3 Hawaiian language immersion education to be provided in Hawaii's
4 Kaiapuni schools. Over the past decade, enrollment has grown by
5 approximately one thousand four hundred students, yet resources
6 dedicated to supporting Kaiapuni education programming have
7 consistently declined since 2008. In response, the department
8 of education, as outlined in its 2023-2029 strategic
9 implementation plan, is taking proactive measures to address
10 this increased demand. The objective is to ensure that the
11 department of education can effectively monitor the academic
12 success of all its students, including those enrolled in any of
13 its twenty-two Kaiapuni program schools.

14 As part of Desired Outcome 1.1.4, action step 2 of the
15 department of education's Strategic Plan Phase II Implementation
16 Plan, the department is mandated to develop a strategic plan for
17 Kaiapuni education during the 2023-2024 school year. Essential



1 resources are required, specifically individuals having the
2 expertise in delivering classroom-level instruction to Kaiapuni
3 program students, as well as expertise in Kaiapuni pedagogy and
4 curriculum development. This expertise is crucial to continue
5 expanding and strengthening the educational foundation of
6 learning that leads to successful cultural, linguistic, and
7 academic achievement for Kaiapuni students.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to address the
9 immediate and long-term requirements in response to the growing
10 demand for Kaiapuni education access by appropriating funds to
11 establish multiple full-time equivalent Kaiapuni staff
12 positions. The funding will support positions distributed at
13 the state level, reinforcing educational support to ensure the
14 successful cultural, linguistic, and academic achievement of
15 Kaiapuni students. Additionally, at the school level, these
16 positions will be designated to provide new Kaiapuni program
17 school sites and classrooms with the faculty necessary to
18 facilitate daily student instruction, thereby strengthening the
19 overall educational foundation.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,544,683 or so much

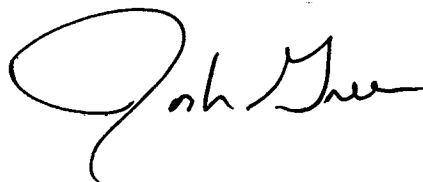


1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
2 Kaiapuni programs and the establishment of three full-time
3 equivalent (3.0 FTE) Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II
4 positions and ten full-time equivalent (10.0 FTE) Kaiapuni
5 classroom teacher positions.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

APPROVED this 28th day of June , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2074, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1


THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

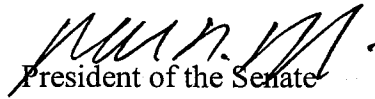


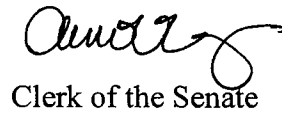
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate