
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.



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Report Title:

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Description:

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