
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that out of the two
2 hundred fifty-eight public elementary, middle, intermediate, and
3 high schools throughout the State, only seventy-five schools
4 have a full-time or part-time librarian position filled to
5 support student learning in 2025.

6 The purpose of this Act is to:

7 (1) Establish a two-year pilot program for two full-time
8 equivalent (2.0 FTE) certified librarians to provide
9 rotating support services to schools in one school
10 complex on Oahu and one school complex on a neighbor
11 island; and

12 (2) Appropriate funds for the positions.

13 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
14 of education a two-year pilot program for two full-time
15 equivalent (2.0 FTE) certified librarians to provide rotating
16 support services to one school complex on Oahu and one school
17 complex on a neighbor island. The department of education shall



1 determine which school complexes shall be part of the pilot
2 program.

3 (b) The department of education shall submit a report to
4 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
5 of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027. Each report shall
6 include findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, about the pilot project established pursuant to
8 subsection (a). The report submitted prior to the convening of
9 the regular session of 2027 shall make a recommendation as to
10 whether the pilot project should be extended.

11 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
12 2027.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$132,308 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2026-2027 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent (2.0
18 FTE) twelve-month state office-level teacher positions under the
19 department of education for the pilot program established
20 pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the funds
21 appropriated shall be allocated as follows:



1 (1) \$66,154 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
2 twelve-month state office-level teacher position, to
3 be filled by a certified librarian, for a school
4 complex on Oahu; and

5 (2) \$66,154 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
6 twelve-month state office-level teacher position, to
7 be filled by a certified librarian, for a school
8 complex on a neighbor island.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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Report Title:

Department of Education; Librarian Pilot Program; Education;
Appropriations

Description:

Establishes a two-year Librarian Pilot Program to serve one
school complex on Oahu and one school complex on an island other
than Oahu. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

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