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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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       certified  
8 librarians to provide rotating support services to  
9 schools in one school complex on Oahu and one school  
10 complex on a neighbor island; and

11       (2) Appropriate funds for the positions.

12       SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
13 of education a two-year pilot program for       certified  
14 librarians to provide rotating support services to one school  
15 complex on Oahu and one school complex on a neighbor island.

16 The department of education shall determine which school  
17 complexes shall be part of the pilot program.



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

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

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the establishment of twelve-month state office-level teacher positions under the department of education for the pilot program established pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the funds appropriated shall be allocated as follows:



1           (1)   \$                   for           twelve-month state office-level  
2           teacher position, to be filled by a certified  
3           librarian, for a school complex on Oahu; and

4           (2)   \$                   for           twelve-month state office-level  
5           teacher position, to be filled by a certified  
6           librarian, for a school complex on a neighbor island.

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

9           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**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. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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