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H. B. NO. 2002-70

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Conference of High School Student Leaders and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to provide for the establishment of an annual conference of high school student leaders, which will enable student leaders in our high schools to identify, discuss and arrive at recommended solutions to major youth problems, with emphasis on school problems that require the attention of and joint action by the students, the department of education and the legislature.

SECTION 2. There is created a student conference committee composed of fourteen student leaders to be appointed by the governor. There shall be two students from each of the seven local school districts and each student shall be a member of the Hawaii association of student councils. The governor shall assign one or more of his staff members to assist in the conduct of the conference.

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SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the student conference committee to:

1. plan and coordinate all phases of the annual conference;
2. set the theme and scope of the conference;
3. set up the agenda of the conference;
4. determine the number of participants;
5. plan and provide for food, lodging and transportation of all participants;
6. evaluate the worth and effectiveness of the conference; and
7. consider and act on any other matter relevant to or necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. There is created a student conference advisory committee to assist and advise the student conference committee in planning, coordinating and evaluating the annual conference of student leaders. The committee shall be composed of the chairman of the education committee of both the house of representatives and the senate and three members of the department of education appointed by the superintendent of education.

SECTION 5. The annual conference of student leaders will be held during a school vacation within 145 days after the start of school and shall not exceed three days.

SECTION 6. The evaluation report shall be in the form of a report of conference proceedings, including specific recommendations for action by the board of education or the State legislature and copies shall be forwarded to the governor, the State legislature and the board of education within 45 days after the conclusion of the conference.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State the sum of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the department of education for the purpose of funding the cost of the conference to include housing, food and transportation of the student leaders attending the conference, as well as other usual costs inherent in conducting conferences of this type.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

(Approved June 16, 1970.)