

## ACT 264

H.B. NO. 284

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

**PART I**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is imperative that Hawaii's public school students receive adequate health care services. Currently, children in Hawaii's public schools who have varying degrees of health challenges are cared for by school health aides. Given the growing complexity of student health needs, the public school health aides may not be prepared to meet these complex health challenges. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to begin the process of reintroducing school health nurses into Hawaii's public schools.

Currently, there are thirty-six public school complexes throughout the State. These complexes include high schools, intermediate or middle schools, and elementary schools.

The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to hire full-time registered nurses for Hawaii's public school complexes.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,290,356 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001-2002 and \$1,250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002-2003 to hire full-time registered nurses within the department of health; provided that each registered nurse shall be assigned to a public school complex, except for one unassigned nurse who shall provide for vacation and sick leave coverage of the other registered nurses. These registered nurses shall also be

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included as part of the department of education's comprehensive student support system.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this part.

### **PART II**

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii organ and tissue education special fund, established by section 3 of Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001-2002 and the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002-2003 for a grant to the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance of this appropriation as of the close of business on June 30, 2002, and on June 30, 2003, respectively, shall lapse into the Hawaii organ and tissue education special fund.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

### **PART III**

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2001.

(Approved June 22, 2001.)