

ACT 280

H.B. NO. 1014

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that partly as a result of the accountability movement and the demands of the federal No Child Left Behind law, school complex areas and district offices have often focused more on compliance rather than support services. Complex area schools need greater resources that support schools and teachers to create more successful teaching throughout the complex area.

The legislature further finds that a complete support system for teaching includes more personnel and funding for professional development programs coordinated at the complex area level, mentoring for new teachers at the schools, and funds for teacher professional development in key areas of the curriculum.

The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for support services and funding for teacher professional development within the department of education at the complex area level.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$585,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for not more than five complex areas to establish the capacity to coordinate and expand complex-level resources for support services including professional development, alignment of curriculum, and mentoring in schools; provided that funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated to each complex area based on the per pupil enrollments in each complex area. The complexes selected shall be those that have schools where there is a high turnover of teachers or hard-to-fill vacancies and have few other resources for professional development.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$165,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the Teach for America Program.

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The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

(Became law on July 10, 2007, without the Governor's signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)