
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that behavior analysis
2 means the design, implementation, and evaluation of
3 instructional and environmental modifications to produce
4 socially significant improvements in human behavior. The
5 practice of behavior analysis includes the empirical
6 identification of functional relations between behavior and
7 environmental factors, known as functional assessment and
8 analysis, as well as the use of contextual factors, motivating
9 operations, antecedent stimuli, positive reinforcement, and
10 other consequences to help people develop new behaviors,
11 increase or decrease existing behaviors, and emit behaviors
12 under specific environmental conditions.

13 The legislature further finds that Act 199, Session Laws of
14 Hawaii 2015, established the behavior analyst program within the
15 department of commerce and consumer affairs and established
16 licensing requirements for behavior analysts. Licensing of
17 behavior analysis services was made concurrent with mandated



1 insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment related to autism
2 disorders.

3 The legislature additionally finds that many students
4 enrolled in department of education schools would benefit from
5 the expansion of behavior analysis services throughout Hawaii's
6 public school system, including students with autism disorders.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to fund behavior
8 analysis services performed by licensed behavior analysts for
9 public school students.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
13 provide behavior analysis services to public school students by
14 contracting with licensed behavior analysts as defined in
15 section 465D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Behavior Analysis; DOE; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of education for behavior analysis services performed by licensed behavior analysts for public school students. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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