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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Article X, section 4  
2 of the Hawaii State Constitution mandates that the State shall  
3 provide for a Hawaiian education program consisting of language,  
4 culture, and history in the public schools. However, such  
5 programs are still not adequately funded.

6           The legislature further finds that all K-12 public  
7 education students should develop, maintain, and grow in an  
8 understanding and appreciation of Hawaiian culture, language,  
9 values, practices, and concepts consistent with the State's  
10 recognition of the current and historical context of these  
11 islands. The office of Hawaiian education of the department of  
12 education serves as an avenue through which the K-12 public  
13 education system can strengthen its efforts across the system in  
14 the area of Hawaiian studies and Ka Papahana Kaiapuni  
15 educational programming. Moreover, the Hawaiian studies program  
16 in the department of education is essential to delivering and  
17 implementing appropriate curricula, standards, performance



1 assessment tools, professional development, and strategies for  
2 community engagement related to Hawaiian studies, culture,  
3 language, values, and practices.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
5 office of Hawaiian education of the department of education to  
6 continue to implement a Hawaiian studies program at the three  
7 elementary schools with the largest population of native  
8 Hawaiian students.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
12 continued funding of the Hawaiian studies program at the three  
13 elementary schools with the largest population of native  
14 Hawaiian students.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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# H.B. NO. 2685

**Report Title:**

Hawaiian Studies Program; Office of Hawaiian Education;  
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**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Education of the Department of Education to continue the Hawaiian Studies Program at the three elementary schools with the largest population of native Hawaiians.

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