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# 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 other  
10 consequences to help people develop new behaviors, increase or  
11 decrease existing behaviors, and emit behaviors under specific  
12 environmental conditions.

13           The legislature further finds that Act 199, Session Laws of  
14 Hawaii 2015, established licensing requirements for behavior  
15 analysts. Licensing of behavior analysis services was made  
16 concurrent with mandated insurance coverage for the diagnosis  
17 and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.



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

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

9           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2020-2021 for the department of education to provide  
14 behavior analysis services performed by licensed behavior  
15 analysts for public school students; provided that the  
16 department of education may contract with any licensed behavior  
17 analyst for the purposes of this Act.

18           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
19 of education for the purposes of this Act.

20           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**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. (SD1)

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