
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a thorough education
2 must incorporate opportunities for children to think critically
3 and question received assumptions. By nurturing children's
4 innate sense of wonder and curiosity, and initiating open-ended
5 discussion and inquiry, educators can foster students who engage
6 in the type of reflective and critical thinking that will allow
7 them to flourish as responsible citizens in a complex and
8 changing world.

9 The legislature further finds that the philosophy for
10 children program, or p4c, at the University of Hawaii's Uehiro
11 Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education, offers a
12 workable model to introduce philosophical inquiry into Hawaii's
13 public schools by providing teachers with the tools necessary to
14 help their students develop complex problem solving and critical
15 thinking skills and sound judgment and reasoning. This program
16 had legislative support in the 1980s through an appropriation to
17 enable teachers of the department of education to train in the



1 program at the University of Hawaii and then share their skills
2 with other teachers in the school and complex.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to support the
4 integration of philosophical education in public schools by
5 making appropriations to fund the p4c program and to allow
6 teachers of the department of education the time to train in the
7 program.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2016-2017 for the p4c program of the University of Hawaii Uehiro
13 Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
15 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2016-2017 to allow teachers of the department of education to



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1 train with the p4c program of the University of Hawaii Uehiro
 2 Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Philosophy Education; Public Schools; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for the P4C Program of the University of Hawaii Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education and for teachers of the Department of Education to train with the P4C Program.

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