
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of multi-
2 track scheduling in the public schools is not in the best
3 interest of public school students. The multi-track schedule
4 results in fewer instructional days for students. In an attempt
5 to compensate for fewer days, the students and staff are subject
6 to longer hours. Families are also disrupted by the schedule as
7 the traditional summer break does not always fall in the summer
8 months, and it is very possible that children in the same family
9 who attend different schools would have traditional school
10 breaks at different times. Moreover, the multi-track schedule
11 is in place for the purpose of managing the resources available
12 to overpopulated schools, not for any educational benefit.

13 The purpose of this Act is to transition public schools
14 away from the multi-track schedule and develop facilities to
15 accommodate the student population.

16 SECTION 2. The department of education shall develop a
17 transition plan to end the use of multi-track schedules in
18 public schools. The plan shall:



- 1 (1) Detail the needs of each school currently on a multi-
- 2 track schedule in order to transition to a traditional
- 3 schedule;
- 4 (2) Include a timeline for each school's transition to a
- 5 traditional schedule; and
- 6 (3) List any funding necessary to implement each school's
- 7 transition to a traditional schedule.

8 The department of education shall report to the legislature with
9 the transition plan and any proposed legislation, including any
10 funding needs, no later than twenty days prior to the convening
11 of the regular session of 2016.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the
15 department of education to develop a transition plan to end the
16 use of multi-track schedules in public schools.

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

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

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Multi-Track Schools; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education to develop a transition plan to end multi-track schedules in public schools and report to the legislature regarding the plan and any proposed legislation. Appropriates funds to the department of education for the purpose of developing a transition plan to end multi-track schedules in public schools. (CD1)

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