
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 approximately
2 seventy-four per cent of all children in Hawaii are raised by
3 working families. *Parents and the High Cost of Child Care, 2015*
4 *Report*, by ChildCare Aware of America, reports that Hawaii is
5 the fourth least affordable state for the cost of before-school
6 or after-school care for a school-aged child in a child care
7 center (\$8,919 in 2014) as a percentage of median income for
8 married couples (\$87,567). The Afterschool Alliance reports
9 that thirty-nine per cent, or 59,057, of all Hawaii children who
10 are not enrolled in an afterschool program would be likely to
11 participate in a program if one were available in the community.

12 Approximately 4,645 children in Hawaii are homeless and can
13 benefit from a safe, structured out-of-school environment. Out-
14 of-school programs can be aligned with the school day to
15 complement, but not duplicate, learning and can expose students
16 to the arts, culture, literacy, fitness, math, science,
17 character development, and community service. The purpose of



1 out-of-school programs is to provide quality care and a quality
2 learning experience while preventing Hawaii's youth from
3 engaging in risky behaviors that may lead to tobacco, alcohol,
4 or drug use or teen pregnancy and often result in youth dropping
5 out of school or not being prepared to enter the workforce.
6 Many out-of-school programs offered by community organizations
7 are expensive and often inaccessible due to the high demand for
8 services driven by lack of out-of-school programming throughout
9 the State. The State has a responsibility to provide its youth
10 with a variety of educational out-of-school activities that
11 build character and self-esteem.

12 The legislature further finds that Hawaii has been
13 recognized by Afterschool Alliance as one of the top ten states
14 for providing out-of-school programs. More than a decade of
15 research confirms that quality afterschool programs inspire and
16 motivate children to learn, support children's social and
17 emotional growth, and help raise academic achievement. A study
18 of outcomes associated with participation in afterschool
19 programs found that students regularly participating during the
20 elementary school years showed a variety of gains, including:
21 narrowing the math achievement gap at grade five between high-



1 income and low-income students; improving work habits and self-
2 sufficiency; and reducing the number of school absences.
3 Furthermore, seventy-two per cent of parents surveyed in Hawaii
4 agree that afterschool programs help working parents to keep
5 their jobs.

6 However, each day after the school day ends, seventeen per
7 cent or approximately 36,474 of Hawaii's youth in grades K-12
8 are responsible for taking care of themselves.

9 States have supported policies that expand learning
10 opportunities to advance a range of state education and youth
11 goals. These opportunities, known as Expanded Learning
12 Opportunities (ELOs), offer structured learning environments
13 outside the traditional school day hours through before- and
14 after-school programs. They provide a range of enrichment and
15 learning activities in various subjects, including arts, civic
16 engagement, language, and science, technology, engineering, and
17 math (STEM).

18 The approximate total to fund out-of-school and after-
19 school programs is \$21,000,000, divided as follows: A-plus
20 program, \$1,000,000; middle school program including
21 intermediate athletics, \$9,000,000; junior varsity and varsity



1 athletics, \$8,000,000; and career and technical education,
2 \$3,000,000. The State recognizes the importance of these
3 programs and proposes a phased funding plan over the next three
4 fiscal years, as follows:

5 (1) Phase I, fiscal year 2016-2017: \$9,000,000
6 Middle schools (fifty-four department of
7 education schools and thirty public charter
8 schools);

9 (2) Phase II, fiscal year 2017-2018: \$11,000,000
10 Forty-four public high schools; and

11 (3) Phase III, fiscal year 2018-2019: \$1,000,000
12 173 public elementary schools and seven public
13 charter schools.

14 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 15 (1) Establish the Hawaii three to six out-of-school
16 program;
- 17 (2) Create the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program
18 revolving fund;
- 19 (3) Provide a single funding source to fund after-school
20 programs included in the Hawaii three to six out-of-
21 school program, such as the following: After-school



1 plus program (A+); After-School All-Stars; athletics;
 2 career and technical education; middle school
 3 programming; Resources for Enrichment, Athletics,
 4 Culture, and Health for Hawai'i (R.E.A.C.H.);
 5 rugby4good; United Peers Learning, Integrating New
 6 Knowledge (UPLINK); and 21st Century Community
 7 Learning Centers; and

8 (4) Make an appropriation.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 10 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
 11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "§302A-A Hawaii three to six out-of-school program. (a)
 13 There is established within the department the Hawaii three to
 14 six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through
 15 twelve, to be conducted during after-school hours, on weekends,
 16 and during inter-sessions. All public schools, including
 17 charter schools, may participate in and be eligible for funding
 18 through the program. The department may contract with private
 19 providers to furnish the program; provided that this section
 20 shall not be interpreted to impose any liability whatsoever of



1 any kind or nature upon the department, its employees, or its
2 agents.

3 (b) The program shall be funded from appropriations from
4 the three-to-six out-of-school revolving fund established under
5 section 302A-B. Additionally, the department:

6 (1) Shall seek private funding sources, including federal
7 grants, private entities, individuals, nonprofit
8 organizations, and religious entities; provided that
9 donated or voluntary services shall be deemed the
10 equivalent of funding; and

11 (2) May collect fees from student participants in the
12 program.

13 §302A-B Hawaii three to six out-of-school program
14 revolving fund. There is established in the state treasury the
15 Hawaii three to six out-of-school revolving fund to be
16 administered by the department. The revolving fund shall
17 consist of appropriations made by the legislature and fees and
18 donations as provided in section 302A-A."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for



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1 deposit into the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program
2 revolving fund established under section 2 of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii three
4 to six out-of-school program revolving fund the sum of
5 \$9,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2016-2017 for implementation costs and expenses for the
7 Hawaii three to six out-of-school program established under
8 section 2 of this Act.

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

11 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
12 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
13 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
14 the new sections in this Act.

15 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,
18 2016.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Education; Hawaii Three to Six Out-of-School Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through twelve. Authorizes the department of education to contract with private providers to furnish out-of-school programs for grades kindergarten through twelve, conducted during after-school hours, on weekends, and during inter-sessions on the premises of the private providers. Specifies the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program revolving fund is to be administered by the department of education. Makes appropriations.

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