

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUBJECT: Incentive and Innovation Grant Trust Fund

REFERENCE: Section 302A-301, HRS

ACTION REQUESTED: Annual report on the operation of the Grant Award and Review Panel.

DOE REPORT:

Introduction

The Incentive and Innovation Grant (IIG) trust fund provides incentive and innovation grants to qualified schools to fund experimental and innovative instructional programs, in-service training, and other activities that promote innovation. The Board of Education (BOE) must establish and appoint a grant award panel which reviews proposals and makes recommendations to the superintendent on grant awards. The superintendent is required to submit a report to the legislature on the operations of the review panel at least 20 days before the convening of each regular session.

FINDINGS:

In the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, 100% of the funding for the Incentive and Innovation Grant (IIG) Trust Fund was recommended by the Superintendent for restriction and thus restricted by the Board of Education (BOE). Because of this restriction, the IIG Grant Award and Review Panel was inactive and no grants were given to schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the near future, the Department recommends deletion of this HRS.