

JAN 19 2007

---

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROJECT GRADUATION.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature has a duty to protect  
2 Hawaii's youth from the severe and negative consequences  
3 of alcohol and drug abuse. Accordingly, the purpose of  
4 this Act is to encourage alcohol-free and drug-free  
5 graduation celebrations by appropriating funds for  
6 continued "Project Graduation" events.

7       The concept of "Project Graduation" began in Maine in  
8 1980 to combat the high instance of alcohol-related  
9 fatalities and injuries among teenage drivers, particularly  
10 during the high school graduation season. "Project  
11 Graduation" was conceived as an all-night, alcohol- and  
12 drug-free, post-commencement festivity during which  
13 graduates celebrate spiritedly and safely. Over the years,  
14 traffic safety advocates have helped the idea proliferate,  
15 and now similar "Project Graduation" celebrations are held  
16 annually throughout the fifty states. In June 1990,  
17 Roosevelt High School became the first Oahu public high





**Report Title:**

Project Graduation; Schools

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for all public high schools hosting Project Graduation festivities, or all-night, post-commencement, alcohol- and drug-free celebrations.

