

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUBJECT: Relating to State Budget

REFERENCE: HB 0200, HD1, SD1, CD1
Section 38
Act 162 (SLH 2009)

ACTION REQUESTED: Report on detailed breakout of services provided and costs incurred including outcome and performance reports on each service provided to address the needs of homeless students.

DOE REPORT:

Introduction:

Federal law, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, as well as compliance with the Federal Court Agreement between the Department of Education and the ACLU, mandate implementation of specific services to identified clients. The Department is required to ensure that homeless children and youth are identified and have access to a free and appropriate education as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. To meet the Department's obligations, additional resources were required.

FINDINGS:

A total of \$600,000 received through legislative appropriation was allocated to complexes statewide to employ 16 part-time teachers (PTTs) who would serve as Homeless Concerns Liaisons (HCLs). The PTTs worked 17 hours a week providing technical assistance to schools and shelters and direct services to homeless students and parents. This expedited the identification of MVA eligible children and youth, enabled their immediate enrollment, and facilitated the provision of equitable MVA services and assistance to the families. Having HCLs based in each complex area greatly reduced the time needed to contact, identify, and provide assistance to MVA-eligible students and families. There were 870 identified MVA eligible children and youth in September 30, 2008 and 1590 identified in September 30, 2009, an increase of 54.7%.

Supplies and equipment were purchased for the HCLs and the Homeless Concerns Office (HCO) to facilitate technical assistance. Cellular phones, mileage reimbursement, and filing and printing supplies enabled the HCLs and HCO to respond to queries, travel to the schools, and maintain records to enhance services for MVA students and families. Additional supplies such as school supplies, books, and school uniform t-shirts for the shelters were also purchased for MVA eligible children. Brochures and forms were printed for use in the schools and for MVA awareness and identification. In addition, two full-time vacant teacher positions became part of the budget restrictions per the Governor's May 14, 2009 Executive memorandum 09-02.

Attachment I displays how the sum of \$600,000 was expended in SY 2008-09.

Attachment II displays the distribution of the 16 Homeless Concerns Liaisons to the complexes

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department appreciates the support of the legislature to meet the needs of the McKinney-Vento Act. Continued funding for compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act is required to ensure that homeless children and youth are identified and have access to a free and appropriate education, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Having HCLs statewide helps the schools and shelters intake the growing homeless population so those eligible for services are identified and provided with services.

Attachment I

HCL payroll salary for 16 part-time teachers (17 hours per week x \$22.43 per hour x 50 weeks)	\$305,056.00	
HCL supplies (office and school supplies, phone and mileage for 16 part-time teachers)	\$71,452.06	
2 FTE HCO Teachers	\$95,762.00	Part of vacancy savings that was returned to B & F for Governor's restrictions per May 15, 2009 memo (Executive memorandum 09-02)
Equipment (videoconference equipment to facilitate ongoing communication and reduce travel costs, equipment rental, and computer equipment for data management)	\$39,330.30	
Printing, Binding, Advertising (Costs to print brochures, posters, and advertising for MVA services in local publications)	\$21,477.90	
Transportation and travel to the outer islands for technical assistance, registration for NCHE (National Center for Homeless Education) sponsored conference.	\$3,983.40	
HCO and shelter supplies (office and school), school uniform t-shirts and books for schools, postage, phone	\$62,938.34	
	\$600,000.00	

Attachment II

District	Org & Org ID	No. of PTT Positions
Honolulu	Farrington/Kaiser/Kalani Complex	1
	McKinley/Roosevelt/Kaimuki Complex	2
Central	Central District; c/o Leilehua/Mililani/Waialua Complex	1
Leeward	Nanakuli/Waianae Complex	3
	Campbell/Kapolei Complex; to also service Pearl City- Waipahu Complex	2
Windward	Windward District; c/o Castle/Kahuku Complex	1
Hawaii	Hawaii District; c/o Kau/Keaau/Pahoa Complex	1
	West Hawaii District; c/o Hawaii – West Complex	1
Maui	Hana/Lahaina/Lanai/Molokai Complex	1
	Baldwin/Kekaulike/Maui High Complex	2
Kauai	Kauai District; c/o Kapaa/Kauai /Waimea Complex	1
	Total	16 PTT Positions

Homeless Concerns Liaison (HCL) positions were allocated based on the identified MVA eligible students in the complex area.