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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 give overpopulated
15 schools priority for capital improvement projects in order to
16 develop facilities to accommodate the student population.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall develop
2 a transition plan to end the use of multi-track schedules in
3 public schools. The plan shall:

4 (1) Detail the needs of each school currently on a multi-
5 track schedule to transition to a traditional
6 schedule;

7 (2) Include a timeline for each school's transition to a
8 traditional schedule; and

9 (3) List any funding necessary to implement each school's
10 transition to a traditional schedule.

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

15 (b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year, any capital
16 improvement project request made by the department of education
17 as part of its annual budget request to the director of finance
18 shall give priority to overpopulated schools, including multi-
19 track schools, as determined by the department.



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1 (c) The legislature may make appropriations to the
 2 department of education based on the priority determined by the
 3 department pursuant to subsection (b) of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

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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. Requires the department of education to give priority to overpopulated schools, including multi-track schools, among capital improvement project appropriation requests submitted to the legislature.

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