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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Lāna‘i high and elementary school was founded in
2 1930 and is the largest of the six K-12 schools in the State and
3 is the only school on the island of Lāna‘i. The current student
4 enrollment is five hundred eighty students in grades
5 kindergarten through twelve on a campus with the design capacity
6 for four hundred fifty students. The high school graduation
7 rate of Lāna‘i students is consistently above ninety-five per
8 cent, and eighty-five to ninety-five per cent of these
9 graduating students go on to attend community colleges,
10 vocational colleges, and four-year universities.

11 The legislature finds that there is only one existing
12 science laboratory on campus that is shared by three secondary-
13 level science teachers. This laboratory was built in the 1950s
14 and is lacking up-to-date equipment that is needed by
15 instructors to meet the educational goals of its students and
16 prepare them for a post-high school education.



1 The plans for a new six-classroom building will house
2 laboratories for physical sciences, biological sciences, middle
3 school science, and graphic arts and digital design, and
4 classrooms for community-based instruction and general
5 education. Photovoltaic cells are planned to be placed on the
6 roof of the classroom building and these cells are anticipated
7 to supply, with the exception of air conditioning, all of the
8 electrical needs of the building. In its efforts to set an
9 example for its students by creating a more sustainable learning
10 environment, the school projects that its energy savings costs
11 and reduced greenhouse gas emissions over the lifetime of the
12 building will be significant. The funds for planning and design
13 of this new classroom building were released by the Governor in
14 June 2006, but the funding for the construction of the building
15 is now needed.

16 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the director of
17 finance to issue general obligation bonds for the construction
18 of a six-classroom building on the campus of Lāna‘i high and
19 elementary school.

20 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
21 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$19,635,000 or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum, or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2008-2009
 2 for the purpose of constructing a six-classroom building housing
 3 a physical sciences laboratory, biological sciences laboratory,
 4 middle school science laboratory, graphic arts and digital
 5 design laboratory, community-based instruction classroom, and
 6 general education classroom on the Lāna‘i high and elementary
 7 school campus.

8 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
 9 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
 10 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
 11 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
 12 unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date.

13 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
 14 department of education for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Education; School Facilities; General Obligation Bonds

Description:

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