
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the backlog of
2 repair and maintenance projects in public schools continues to
3 be of concern and that all means of addressing the problem
4 should be explored and supported.

5 The legislature further finds that Hawaii 3R's has saved
6 the State money by completing repair and maintenance projects at
7 public schools - repairs that ordinarily would be done with only
8 state funds and resources. Hawaii 3R's generates savings for
9 the State by leveraging state grant funds with federal funds,
10 private donations, and volunteerism or "sweat equity" from
11 various community organizations and businesses.

12 Since its inception in 2001, Hawaii 3R's has saved the
13 State an estimated \$36,700,000. This figure is determined by
14 taking the State's official estimated cost of the repair and
15 maintenance projects completed through Hawaii 3R's projects
16 (\$39,600,000) and subtracting the amount of state grant funds
17 expended to support Hawaii 3R's (\$2,900,000). This means that
18 for every \$1 invested in Hawaii 3R's by the State, over \$12



1 worth of work is completed. It is also noteworthy that Hawaii
2 3R's has statewide reach, with five hundred three grants awarded
3 to one hundred seventy-five different schools on the islands of
4 Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kauai, and Hawaii.

5 The legislature acknowledges that Hawaii 3R's also has
6 built a partnership with the Joint Venture Education Forum, a
7 partnership between the department of education and the United
8 States Pacific Command. This relationship benefits not only
9 military-impacted or military-partnered schools but all of
10 Hawaii's public schools through increased military partnerships.
11 Through Joint Venture Education Forum (i.e., federal) funding,
12 Hawaii 3R's can provide grants to over one hundred military-
13 impacted, dependent, or partnered schools.

14 The legislature is encouraged by the level of support that
15 the community has given to Hawaii 3R's and, more importantly, to
16 the public schools. Skilled and unskilled volunteer labor from
17 private businesses, the military, civic clubs, churches,
18 teachers, parents, and students, combined with donations from
19 community businesses and foundations, have all contributed to
20 the success of Hawaii 3R's. In addition, Hawaii's trade unions
21 and associations have been lending invaluable support. Overall,



1 over two thousand five hundred people have provided over ten
2 thousand hours of volunteer labor.

3 The legislature understands that it is necessary to
4 continue to provide state funding to support Hawaii 3R's and to
5 fund grants that cannot be funded through Hawaii 3R's other
6 funding sources, especially given the uncertainty of the
7 availability of federal funds in the future. Hawaii 3R's has
8 proven to be a worthy means to invest in the condition of public
9 school facilities and to promote community involvement. Hawaii
10 3R's has proven to be an efficient organization by keeping
11 administrative costs below ten per cent of overall expenses.

12 The legislature finds that Hawaii 3R's serves the public
13 purpose and the purpose of this Act is to support the
14 continuation of this valuable work by authorizing the Hawaii
15 3R's school repair and maintenance fund to receive moneys
16 transferred to it from the school-level minor repairs and
17 maintenance special fund.

18 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1502.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
19 is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 "(c) The fund may receive contributions, grants,
21 endowments, or gifts in cash or otherwise from all sources,
22 including corporations or other businesses, foundations,



1 government, individuals, and other interested parties. The fund
2 shall also receive moneys transferred to it from the school-
3 level minor repairs and maintenance special fund established
4 under section 302A-1504.5. The legislature intends that public
5 and private sectors review and investigate all potential funding
6 sources. The State may appropriate moneys to the fund; provided
7 that any appropriations made by the State are not intended to
8 supplant the funding of any existing school-level minor repairs
9 and maintenance programs [~~, including [school level minor repair~~
10 ~~and maintenance account] established under section 302A 1504]."~~

11 SECTION 3. It is the intent of this Act to neither
12 jeopardize the receipt of any federal aid nor impair the
13 obligation of the State or any agency thereof to the holders of
14 any bond issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the
15 extent, and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this
16 intent, the governor may modify the strict provisions of this
17 Act, but shall promptly report any modification with reasons for
18 the modification to the legislature at its next regular session
19 for review.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Schools; Hawaii 3R's

Description:

Permits the Hawaii 3R's School Repair and Maintenance Fund to receive moneys transferred to it from the School-level Minor Repairs and Maintenance Special Fund. (CD1)

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