
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Allow principals more flexibility to make improvements
3 to individual schools by providing them with authority
4 to oversee and maintain capital improvement and repair
5 and maintenance programs at their schools, including
6 installation of solar energy infrastructure; and

7 (2) Clarify the department of education's responsibility
8 for oversight and fiscal accountability of such
9 programs.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "302A- Principal; authority over capital improvements.

14 (a) School principals shall have the authority to oversee and
15 maintain capital improvement and repair and maintenance programs
16 at their schools, including installation of solar energy
17 infrastructure.



1 (b) The department of education may adopt rules, pursuant
2 to chapter 91, to effectuate the purpose of this section."

3 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§302A-1128 Department powers and duties.** The department
6 shall have entire charge and control and be responsible for the
7 conduct of all affairs pertaining to public instruction in the
8 public schools the department establishes and operates,
9 including [~~operating and maintaining~~] oversight and fiscal
10 accountability of the capital improvement and repair and
11 maintenance programs for department and school facilities. The
12 department may establish and maintain schools for secular
13 instruction at such places and for such terms as in its
14 discretion it may deem advisable and the funds at its disposal
15 may permit. The schools may include high schools, kindergarten
16 schools, schools or classes for early childhood education,
17 boarding schools, Hawaiian language medium education schools,
18 and evening and day schools. The department may also maintain
19 classes for technical and other instruction in any school where
20 there may not be pupils sufficient in number to justify the
21 establishment of separate schools for these purposes."



H.B. NO. 358

Report Title:

Department of Education; Public School Principals; Capital Improvement Projects; Repair and Maintenance.

Description:

Provides authority to school principals to oversee and maintain capital improvement and repair and maintenance programs at their schools, including installation of solar energy infrastructure. Clarifies the department of education's responsibility for oversight and fiscal accountability of such programs.

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