
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. There is a need to install air conditioning and
5 other heat abatement equipment in public school classrooms to
6 preserve and promote the health and safety of students and
7 teachers, and to foster a better and more comfortable and
8 productive learning environment. With the current El Nino
9 conditions, high temperatures in classrooms during the summer
10 months will be a continuing problem that must be addressed. In
11 order to keep the costs of operating air conditioning and heat
12 abatement equipment in the classrooms affordable and to reduce
13 dependence on imported fossil fuels, energy efficient lighting
14 and other energy efficiency measures will also be necessary in
15 conjunction with the air conditioning and other heat abatement
16 measures.

17 In order to upgrade one thousand classrooms by the end of
18 calendar year 2016 and to cool as many classrooms as possible



1 during the hottest months, this project must proceed as quickly
2 as possible. Additionally, work done during the summer break
3 will minimize classroom disruption and constraints on contractor
4 work conditions. To facilitate this schedule, funding needs to
5 be authorized immediately to allow the permitting and
6 contracting to proceed.

7 A source of funding for this effort is currently available
8 in the green infrastructure loan program. The funds will be
9 loaned to the department of education and the department of
10 budget and finance at affordable rates. General obligation bond
11 funds are also requested for this effort.

12 The purpose of this Act is to: (1) appropriate special
13 funds from the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund to
14 provide a loan to the department of education and the department
15 of budget and finance for the equipment and installation of air
16 conditioning, energy efficient lighting and other energy
17 efficiency measures; (2) authorize the department of education
18 and the department of budget and finance to borrow from the
19 green infrastructure loan program and authorize the department
20 of education to expend the funds for the equipment and
21 installation of air conditioning, heat abatement equipment,



1 energy efficient lighting and other energy efficiency measures;
2 (3) appropriate general obligation bond funds to the department
3 of education for the equipment and installation of air
4 conditioning, heat abatement equipment, energy efficient
5 lighting and other energy efficiency measures; and (4)
6 appropriate general funds to the department of budget and
7 finance to make the initial loan repayment to the green
8 infrastructure loan program.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii green
10 infrastructure special fund the sum of \$100,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and to
12 loan such moneys to the department of education and department
13 of budget and finance for the purposes allowed under section
14 196-65(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 business, economic development and tourism for the purposes of
17 this Act.

18 SECTION 4. The department of education and department of
19 budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, are
20 authorized to borrow the sum of \$100,000,000 or so much thereof
21 as may be necessary as permissible under section 196-65(b),



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, for fiscal year 2015-2016 from the
2 green infrastructure loan program for capital improvement
3 program equipment and installation costs for air conditioning,
4 energy efficient lighting and other energy efficiency measures
5 related to heat abatement at public schools. The sum of
6 \$100,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is
7 appropriated out of other funds for fiscal year 2015-2016 to
8 allow expenditure of the funds for such purpose.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
14 initial loan repayment for the moneys borrowed from the green
15 infrastructure loan program by the department of education and
16 department of budget and finance.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 6. The director of finance is authorized to issue
20 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$30,000,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016
2 for the purpose of funding capital improvement program equipment
3 and installation costs for air conditioning, other heat
4 abatement measures, energy efficient lighting, and other energy
5 efficiency measures related to heat abatement at public schools.

6 SECTION 7. The appropriation made for the capital
7 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
8 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
9 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriations
10 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.

11 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
12 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Public Schools; Emergency Appropriation

Description:

Provides for air conditioning, heat abatement, and related energy efficiency measures at public schools by authorizing a loan from the green infrastructure loan program to the departments of education and budget and finance, and makes appropriations for expenditure of the borrowed funds, additional capital improvements and the initial loan repayment. (SD1)

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