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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii continues to
2 suffer from a shortage of licensed teachers. Financial
3 incentives and affordable options for teacher housing are key
4 strategies for the recruitment and retention of teachers, as
5 Hawaii's teacher salaries continue to trail the nation when
6 adjusted for cost of living. Teacher housing is also a well-
7 established solution to teacher recruitment and retention for
8 educators serving in hard-to-fill areas. As housing represents
9 a significant portion of each teacher's paycheck, the
10 legislature recognizes that, at minimum, three sites should be
11 developed to provide affordable housing options to teachers to
12 address the ongoing teacher shortage.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
14 funds to the school facilities authority for the construction of
15 teacher and educator housing.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2024-2025 for the construction of teacher and educator
4 housing.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the school
6 facilities authority for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3 . This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; School Facilities Authority; Teacher Housing; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of teacher and educator housing.

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