



GOV. MSG. NO. **565**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 27, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on March 27, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB21 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS.
(ACT 03)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, makes the
2 department of education responsible for ensuring that asbestos
3 testing is conducted prior to any exterior or interior
4 renovations or painting of school facilities, if the surfaces
5 have not been previous tested.

6 The federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986
7 requires asbestos testing on interior surfaces only if there are
8 suspected asbestos-containing materials that would be affected
9 during renovation or painting of school facilities.

10 The legislature finds that the current law, which requires
11 testing of any surfaces, can result in unnecessary costs.

12 The purpose of this Act is to clarify that asbestos testing
13 of school facilities is to be conducted only on all suspected
14 asbestos-containing materials, including exterior surfaces, and
15 as required by the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response
16 Act of 1986 for interior surfaces, prior to any exterior or
17 interior renovations or painting of school facilities, including
18 conversion charter school facilities.



1 SECTION 2. Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, is
2 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 2. The department of education shall be
4 responsible for ensuring that asbestos testing is conducted on
5 all suspected asbestos-containing materials, including exterior
6 surfaces, and as required by the federal Asbestos Hazard
7 Emergency Response Act of 1986 for interior surfaces, prior to
8 any exterior or interior renovations or painting of school
9 facilities at all department of education and conversion charter
10 schools[~~, except charter schools,~~]; provided that the surfaces
11 have not previously been tested."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

