
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO RENOVATE AGING CLASSROOM SPACES AND OTHER CHANGING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS WHEN DETERMINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITIES.

1 WHEREAS, many school districts including Hawaii are
2 undertaking major development to build new, and renovate
3 existing, educational facilities to accommodate new population
4 growth, aging facilities, and population displacement; and
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6 WHEREAS, the need for capital improvement projects must
7 compete with other necessities for limited state resources; and
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9 WHEREAS, the determination by which projects receive
10 funding is presently based on the Department of Education's
11 Hawaii Capital Improvement Project Priority System matrix which,
12 for the most part, assigns the highest priority to projects
13 based first on serious health and safety concerns, then
14 classroom construction and support facilities projects, and
15 finally, to state and district facilities projects; and
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17 WHEREAS, the aging of facilities, as well as the current
18 and proposed educational programs the facilities are designed to
19 meet, are important indicators for assessing and reassessing the
20 priority needs of the students, schools, and the Department; and
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22 WHEREAS, educational programs continue to evolve over time
23 to meet the changing needs of society, but many of the
24 Department's physical facilities have not been updated to meet
25 the requirements of current educational programs due to the
26 paucity of funds; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
30 that the Department of Education is urged to take into account,
31 when determining priorities, the state of the school facilities,
32 including the need to renovate aging classroom spaces that were
33 originally designed for an educational program that is no longer
34 appropriate, and other changing educational needs; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department's Matrix shall
3 accommodate these needs when prioritizing projects; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to Superintendent of Education and the
7 Chair of the Board of Education.

