
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE A WEST MAUI
SCHOOL IN ITS PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE HEAT DISCOMFORT IN
CLASSROOMS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the stifling heat in
2 school classrooms is not conducive to learning; and

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4 WHEREAS, an independent study tracking the average daily
5 temperatures of classrooms in Lahaina schools showed that,
6 despite the Department of Education's new heat matrix standards,
7 Lahaina schools actually have the second hottest classrooms in
8 the State; and

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10 WHEREAS, in addition, Lahaina schools are subjected to the
11 diesel fumes of tour buses parked near Lahaina Harbor and to
12 dust, noise, and smoke from traffic on the overly congested
13 roadways near the schools; and

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15 WHEREAS, in the hottest months of September and October,
16 doctors have found that student illnesses are usually heat-
17 related in origin and that these medical incidents take students
18 away from the classroom; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Education estimates that at the
21 current rate of \$5,300,000 per fiscal year as appropriated for
22 heat and noise abatement, it will take about one hundred forty
23 years to complete the air conditioning at all public schools;
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26 WHEREAS, West Maui public schools are in urgent need of
27 immediate heat abatement and both the community and the parents
28 are willing to partner with the Department of Education to help
29 implement and fund these measures; now, therefore,

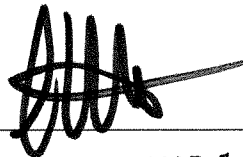


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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests the Department of Education to include one of the West Maui schools in its pilot program to examine and implement measures for reducing discomfort in public school classrooms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Superintendent of Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Principals of Lahainaluna High School, Princess Nahienaena School, Lahaina Intermediate School, and King Kamehameha III Elementary School, respectively.

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