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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO EXERCISE EMERGENCY POWERS TO EXPEDITE  
THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH  
SCHOOL.

1           WHEREAS, only twenty-one of the two hundred fifty-seven  
2 public schools in the State are fully air conditioned, and due  
3 to high levels of heat found in the State's public schools, the  
4 Department of Education last year conducted a study to determine  
5 priority for installing air conditioning in those schools  
6 without air conditioning; and

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8           WHEREAS, under the original criteria of the study, James  
9 Campbell High School in Ewa Beach was ranked seventh in priority  
10 to receive air conditioning; and

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12           WHEREAS, in November 2007, Department of Education  
13 officials updated the list of schools to account for humidity  
14 and the amount of time that schools remain at peak temperatures  
15 before heat subsides; and

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17           WHEREAS, under the updated criteria, James Campbell High  
18 School's priority for air conditioning dropped from number seven  
19 to number seventy; and

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21           WHEREAS, James Campbell High School is unique in its  
22 circumstances in that it is located under the glide path to  
23 runways at Honolulu International Airport and Hickam Air Force  
24 Base; and

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26           WHEREAS, the excessive noise and dust generated by  
27 commercial and military aircraft landing at the airfields  
28 demands that classroom windows must frequently remain closed  
29 during the day so that classes are not disturbed; and

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31           WHEREAS, the closed classroom windows prevent air  
32 circulation and result in even higher temperatures in the  
33 classrooms that make it difficult for teachers to teach and for  
34 students to concentrate and learn; and



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WHEREAS, teachers and students at James Campbell High School have recorded classroom temperatures as high as one hundred degrees, and they are forced to combat the heat by wiping their foreheads with wet cloths, rolling up their shirts, and huddling around fans; and

WHEREAS, the new criteria used to determine the priority of public schools for receiving air conditioning does not take into account the special conditions of excessive noise and dust that contribute to the excessive heat at James Campbell High School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, that the Governor is urged to find that the excessive noise pollution and air pollution generated by aircraft landing near James Campbell High School creates an imminent peril to the public health and safety of the students and faculty at the school, pursuant to section 342B-43 and 342F-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to exercise emergency powers and take action as may be necessary to expedite the installation of air conditioning at James Campbell High School in order to reduce heat, excessive noise, and dust pollution in the classrooms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the principal of James Campbell High School.

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