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S.B. NO. 2662

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 2007, the legislature allocated about
2 \$190,000,000, or 28 per cent of the state's budget surplus, to
3 the department of education for capital improvements and basic
4 needs, including the repair and maintenance of school
5 facilities, food services, and school bus services. Of this
6 amount, \$40,000,000 was distributed directly to the schools.

7 The legislature finds that although their basic needs are
8 addressed -- no less than a safe, comfortable, and well-
9 maintained academic environment -- Hawaii's students also
10 deserve current learning material, modern supplies and
11 equipment, and progressive services that offer real-life
12 learning experiences. As our education system is tasked with
13 propelling the eventual leaders of our society into the future,
14 it should be provided with the tools to do so.

15 The purpose of this Act is to modernize our schools and
16 classrooms by appropriating funds for costs such as textbooks,
17 supplies, equipment, computers, software licenses, and services.



1 This Act shall be known as the "School Modernization Act of
2 2008."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$18,000,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
6 non-recurring costs such as textbooks, supplies, equipment,
7 computers, software licenses, and services to modernize schools
8 and classrooms; provided that funds shall be distributed to each
9 school, and to the extent possible, based on a formula of
10 approximately \$100 for each student enrolled for the 2008-2009
11 school year; and provided further that these funds shall not be
12 included in the weighted student formula.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 education for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

School Modernization Act of 2008

Description:

Appropriates funds to modernize Hawaii's schools and classrooms with such items and services as textbooks, supplies, equipment, computers, software licenses, and services.

