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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 **PART I**

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's children
3 deserve a quality education in a clean and safe environment.
4 Many schools have leaky roofs, termite-infested floors,
5 crumbling walls, and overheated classrooms. The legislature
6 further finds that there is a compelling need to immediately
7 fund the backlog of repair and maintenance projects in the
8 public schools.

9 In 2001, the legislature appropriated funds to help
10 mitigate the department of education's estimated \$640,000,000
11 backlog of repair and maintenance projects. Unfortunately, due
12 in part to the governor's decision not to release \$110,000,000
13 previously approved by the legislature during past legislative
14 sessions for repair and maintenance projects for the department
15 of education, the backlog remains and continues to increase. In
16 2007, the estimated backlog of repair and maintenance projects
17 was \$341,000,000, which included recurring major and minor



1 repairs, ongoing cycle maintenance, service and contract
2 maintenance, nonrecurring projects, and emergency repairs.
3 However, since last year, the backlog has increased to
4 approximately \$420,000,000 and is expected to increase by an
5 additional \$75,000,000 during the upcoming fiscal year. The
6 legislature is currently entertaining another measure to address
7 the existing backlog and seeks to address the anticipated repair
8 and maintenance costs as well.

9 The purpose of this part is to fund anticipated repair and
10 maintenance projects within the public schools for the upcoming
11 fiscal year.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000,000 or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
15 repair and maintenance projects in the public schools.

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

18 **PART II**

19 SECTION 3. The University of Hawaii's physical plant has
20 accumulated a backlog of repairs and maintenance due to the lack
21 of general funds. This project includes reroofing, mechanical,
22 and electrical systems, renovations, resurfacing, repainting,



1 and other improvements and project costs to upgrade facilities
2 at all university campuses.

3 Facilities provide the centerpiece around which all other
4 educational activities exist at higher education institutions.
5 The total replacement value of all University of Hawaii
6 facilities is estimated at \$1,600,000,000. Therefore, it is
7 imperative to reinvest in the university's physical plant to
8 ensure that the physical infrastructure facilitates the mission
9 of the institution.

10 The role of repair and maintenance is to maintain the
11 physical infrastructure and facilities of our campuses so that
12 they are functional, architecturally sound, aesthetically
13 pleasing, and in compliance with building and safety codes to
14 support quality instruction, research, student, and community
15 services programs.

16 The current backlog of repair and maintenance deficiencies
17 at the University of Hawaii totals \$257,000,000. The current
18 backlog of repair and maintenance projects is expected to
19 increase by an additional \$45,000,000 during the upcoming fiscal
20 year. The legislature is currently entertaining another measure
21 to address the existing backlog and seeks to address the
22 anticipated repair and maintenance costs as well.



1 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for repair
2 and maintenance projects at the University of Hawaii for the
3 upcoming fiscal year.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$45,000,000 or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
7 repair and maintenance projects at the University of Hawaii.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
9 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 PART III

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds for the department of education and the University of Hawaii for repair and maintenance projects.

