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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 \$390,000,000 and is expected to increase by an
5 additional \$75,000,000 during the upcoming fiscal year.

6 The purpose of this part is to reduce the backlog of repair
7 and maintenance projects within the public schools to a
8 manageable level of \$150,000,000. In order to reduce the
9 existing backlog of repair and maintenance work, this part
10 appropriates funds in the amount of \$240,000,000.

11 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$240,000,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2008-2009
15 for the purpose of funding the department of education's repair
16 and maintenance projects.

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

19 PART II

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



1 and electrical systems, renovations, resurfacing, repainting,
2 and other improvements and project costs to upgrade facilities
3 at all university campuses.

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

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

17 The current backlog of repair and maintenance deficiencies
18 at the University of Hawaii totals \$165,000,000. The purpose of
19 this part is to reduce the backlog of repair and maintenance
20 projects at the University of Hawaii to a manageable level.

21 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
22 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$90,000,000, or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much
 2 thereof as may be necessary, is authorized to be issued for
 3 fiscal year 2008-2009, for the purpose of reducing the backlog
 4 of repair and maintenance projects at the University of Hawaii
 5 system to manageable levels.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
 7 Hawaii for the purposes of this part.

8 SECTION 5. The sum appropriated under this part shall be
 9 in addition to any other funds that may be appropriated for the
 10 same purposes of this part.

11 PART III

12 SECTION 6. The appropriation made for the capital
 13 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
 14 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
 15 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
 16 unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date.

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund department of education and the University of Hawaii repair and maintenance projects.

