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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-           Closure and consolidation of schools; factors.

5           (a) In determining whether a school should be closed for the  
6 purpose of consolidation, a school's inability to obtain  
7 adequate funding for its operations under the weighted student  
8 formula shall not be used as a factor.

9           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
10 contrary, Maunaloa elementary school on the island of Molokai  
11 shall not be closed for any reason, including consolidation.

12           (c) For purposes of this section, "consolidation" means  
13 the closing of one or more existing schools and the transfer of  
14 all students enrolled at the closed school to another school and  
15 does not include the transfer of one or more grade levels to  
16 another school."

17           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Education; Closure and Consolidation of Schools

**Description:**

Provides that a school's inability to obtain adequate funding under the weighted student formula shall not be a factor in determining whether the school should be closed for the purpose of consolidation. Prohibits the closure of Maunaloa elementary school.

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