
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Keanae school, the last one-room school in the
2 State, closed its doors to its remaining students from
3 kindergarten to third grade in the fall of 2005. For almost a
4 century since the school opened, the school has served not only
5 as a class room but a community center and rallying place for
6 the residents of Keanae, a small east Maui village comprising of
7 primarily native Hawaiian tied to the land growing taro in
8 ancient *loi kalo*.

9 The legislature finds that Keanae school, tax map number
10 (2) 1-1-08: 20, was added to the Hawaii register of historic
11 places on June 2, 1992, as site number 50-07-1630, and the
12 federal register of historic places on June 30, 2000.

13 The purpose of this Act is to direct:

14 (1) The department of education to transfer jurisdiction
15 of the Keanae school property and all improvements on
16 the property to the department of land and natural
17 resources; and



1 (2) The department of land and natural resources to work
2 with the Keanae community to develop plans for the
3 future uses of Keanae school so that it may continue
4 to serve the Keanae community.

5 SECTION 2. The department of education is directed to
6 transfer Keanae school, tax map key number (2) 1-1-08: 20, and
7 all improvements thereon, to the department of land and natural
8 resources.

9 SECTION 3. The department of land and natural resources is
10 directed to meet with representatives of the Keanae community to
11 develop plans for the future uses of Keanae school so that it
12 may continue to serve the Keanae community.

13 SECTION 4. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
14 the department of education relating to the real property to be
15 transferred pursuant to this Act shall be transferred to the
16 department of land and natural resources.

17 SECTION 5. All appropriations, records, equipment,
18 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
19 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
20 acquired, or held by the department of education relating to the
21 functions transferred to the department of land and natural



1 resources shall be transferred with the functions to which they
2 relate.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Schools; Keanae School.

Description:

Directs DOE to transfer Keanae School over to DLNR; directs DLNR to work with community to assure maximum benefit of Keane School property for the community.

