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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is losing  
2 thousands of affordable housing units each year. The State must  
3 make it a priority to replace the lost affordable housing units,  
4 especially affordable rental units. The legislature further  
5 finds that once public school facilities are closed, the use of  
6 the land thereunder for the development of affordable rental  
7 housing would be cost effective and beneficial to the public.

8           The purpose of this Act is to convey closed public school  
9 facilities to the Hawaii housing finance and development  
10 corporation for development of affordable rental housing, unless  
11 the department of education uses the facility to accomplish a  
12 greater public good.

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

16           "§302A-    Public school closures; transfer. Upon a  
17 determination and final action by the board to permanently close  
18 a public school facility, the board shall convey the closed



1 public school facility real property to the Hawaii housing  
2 finance and development corporation for the development of  
3 affordable rental housing, unless the board uses the real  
4 property to accomplish, in the board's opinion, a greater public  
5 good. A conveyance executed pursuant to this section shall be  
6 in accordance with section 171-64.7."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Affordable Housing; Public School Facilities; Closure;  
Conveyance

**Description:**

Requires the DOE to convey closed public school facilities to the HHFDC for development of affordable rental housing units.

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