
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the backlog of
2 repair and maintenance projects in public schools continues to
3 be of concern and that all means of addressing the problem
4 should be explored and supported.

5 The legislature further finds that Hawaii 3R's has saved
6 the State money by completing repair and maintenance projects at
7 public schools - repairs that ordinarily would be done with only
8 State funds and resources. Hawaii 3R's generates savings for
9 the State by leveraging state grant funds with federal funds,
10 private donations, and volunteerism or "sweat equity" from
11 various community organizations and businesses.

12 Since its inception in 2001, Hawaii 3R's has saved the
13 State an estimated \$36,700,000. This figure is determined by
14 taking the State's official estimated cost of the repair and
15 maintenance projects completed in Hawaii 3R's projects
16 (\$39,600,000) and subtracting the amount of state grant funds
17 expended to support Hawaii 3R's (\$2,900,000). This means that
18 for every \$1 invested in Hawaii 3R's by the State, over \$12



1 worth of work is completed. It is also noteworthy that Hawaii
2 3R's has statewide reach, with five hundred three grants awarded
3 to one hundred seventy-five different schools on the islands of
4 Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kauai, and Hawaii.

5 The legislature acknowledges that Hawaii 3R's also has
6 built a partnership with the Joint Venture Education Forum, a
7 partnership between the department of education and the United
8 States Pacific Command. This relationship benefits not only
9 military-impacted or military-partnered schools but all of
10 Hawaii's public schools through increased military partnerships.
11 Through Joint Venture Education Forum (i.e., federal) funding,
12 Hawaii 3R's can provide grants to over one hundred military-
13 impacted, dependent, partnered schools.

14 The legislature is encouraged by the level of support that
15 the community has given to Hawaii 3R's and, more importantly, to
16 the public schools. Skilled and unskilled volunteer labor from
17 private businesses, the military, civic clubs, churches,
18 teachers, parents, and students, combined with donations from
19 community businesses and foundations, have all contributed to
20 the success of Hawaii 3R's. In addition, Hawaii's trade unions
21 and associations have been lending invaluable support. Overall,



1 over 2,500 people have provided over 10,000 hours of volunteer
2 labor.

3 The legislature understands that it is necessary to
4 continue to provide state funding to support Hawaii 3R's and to
5 fund grants that cannot be funded through Hawaii 3R's other
6 funding sources, especially given the uncertainty of the
7 availability of federal funds in the future. Hawaii 3R's has
8 proven to be a worthy means to invest in the condition of public
9 school facilities and to promote community involvement. Hawaii
10 3R's has proven to be an efficient organization by keeping
11 administrative costs below ten per cent of overall expenses.

12 The legislature finds that Hawaii 3R's serves the public
13 purpose and the purpose of this Act is to support the
14 continuation of this valuable work by appropriating public funds
15 to Hawaii 3R's to expedite the repair and maintenance of
16 Hawaii's public schools.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2012-2013 to deposit into the Hawaii 3R's school repair and



1 maintenance fund under section 302A-1502.4, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii 3R's
4 school repair and maintenance fund the sum of \$400,000 or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2012-2013 as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, to Hawaii 3R's.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
10 of education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act, or the
12 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
13 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
14 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
15 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
16 of this Act are severable.

17 SECTION 5. It is the intent of this Act to neither
18 jeopardize the receipt of any federal aid nor impair the
19 obligation of the State or any agency thereof to the holders of
20 any bond issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the
21 extent, and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this
22 intent, the governor may modify the strict provisions of this



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1 Act, but shall promptly report any such modification with
2 reasons therefore to the legislature at its next session
3 thereafter for review by the legislature.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Description:

Appropriates moneys to the Hawaii 3R's as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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