

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

GOV. MSG. NO. 1361

July 2, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1083 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ACT 258 (13)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 258 S.B. NO. H.D. 2 C.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds and determines that
2	student transportation costs have escalated in recent years,
3	prompting the legislature to mandate comprehensive assessments
4	and reports relating to the transportation of school children.
5	In November 2012, the Student Bus Transportation Study Final
6	Report was received by the department of education from its
7	consultant, Management Partnership Services, Inc., confirming
8	that student transportation costs have escalated unacceptably in
9	recent years. The final report cited statutory compensation
10	requirements as a constraint on contracting for bus services.
11	The report noted that statutory wording has the most direct
12	impact on system efficiencies, as it establishes a floor for bus
13	driver salaries.
14	Consequently, the legislature further finds and determines
15	that the statutory provisions governing the transportation of
16	school children and contracts for such transportation should be
17	revised in a manner that will enable the department of education

to implement the recommendations of the department's consultants



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- 1 to restructure practices, policies, and procedures relating to
- 2 requests for proposals, thereby providing greater flexibility in
- 3 determining market values while maintaining the integrity of the
- 4 procurement process through specifications in contract
- 5 negotiation.
- 6 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to exempt contracts
- 7 providing student transportation services from statutory
- 8 requirements for labor costs.
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 103-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- "(c) This section shall apply to all contracts to perform
- 12 services in excess of \$25,000, including contracts to supply
- 13 ambulance service and janitorial service.
- 14 This section shall not apply to:
- 15 (1) Managerial, supervisory, or clerical personnel.
- 16 (2) Contracts for supplies, materials, or printing.
- 17 (3) Contracts for utility services.
- 18 (4) Contracts to perform personal services under
- 19 paragraphs (2), (3), (12), and (15) of section 76-16,
- 20 paragraphs (7), (8), and (9) of section 46-33, and
- 21 paragraphs (7), (8), and (12) of section 76-77.
- 22 (5) Contracts for professional services.

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1	(6)	Contracts to operate refreshment concessions in public
2		parks, or to provide food services to educational
3	·	institutions.
4	(7)	Contracts to provide transportation services for
5		school children.
6	[ <del>(7)</del> -]	(8) Contracts with nonprofit institutions."
7	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.

APPROVED this 2 day of JUL, , 2013

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

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII