
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a key factor
2 influencing a student's ability to learn in public schools is
3 the learning environment. Students learn best when they are
4 physically comfortable and free from noise and unnecessary
5 distractions. Given Hawaii's tropical climate and high
6 temperatures, schools should be equipped with air conditioning
7 to ensure that students have the most comfortable learning
8 environment conducive to fulfilling their educational potential.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the installation of
10 acoustic noise control and air conditioning equipment in all
11 public schools based upon the priority established by the
12 department of education.

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

16 "§302A- Noise and climate control at school facilities.

17 (a) The department shall plan for and request appropriations
18 necessary to implement the following:



1 (1) Acoustic noise control in existing and new school
2 facilities in areas that are affected by aircraft,
3 traffic, and other noise; and

4 (2) Air conditioning in existing and new school
5 facilities.

6 The department shall develop appropriate standards and consider
7 local conditions in deciding whether acoustic noise control and
8 air conditioning in existing and new school facilities are
9 required for effective classroom instruction, including
10 standards to assist in determining that acoustic noise control
11 or air conditioning is not needed in a particular school
12 facility. Where acoustic treatment of school facilities is
13 planned, the department shall utilize the services of
14 individuals qualified by training and experience to recommend
15 appropriate noise control procedures and components. Acoustic
16 noise control and air conditioning shall be given equal weight
17 with all other factors in the criteria used by the department in
18 setting priorities for school construction and renovations.

19 (b) Where air conditioners are installed in a school, the
20 department may require that the approximate cost of electricity
21 and maintenance for air conditioners in the school that are not
22 installed by the department of accounting and general services



1 be paid by a private entity until the department of education
2 establishes temperature and noise standards and a policy
3 relating to air conditioning.

4 (c) Based upon the standards developed pursuant to
5 subsection (a), the department shall establish a priority list
6 of schools that are in the greatest need of air conditioning;
7 provided that if any administrative office in a departmental
8 school district has air conditioning, then the department shall
9 include all schools in that district on the priority list to
10 have air conditioning installed. Based on the priority list,
11 air conditioning shall be installed in the:

- 12 (1) First twenty per cent of schools on the priority list
13 by December 31, 2015;
- 14 (2) Second twenty per cent of schools on the priority list
15 by December 31, 2016;
- 16 (3) Third twenty per cent of schools on the priority list
17 by December 31, 2017;
- 18 (4) Fourth twenty per cent of schools on the priority list
19 by December 31, 2018; and
- 20 (5) Fifth twenty per cent of schools on the priority list
21 by December 31, 2019."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 4 purpose of designing and installing acoustic noise control and
 5 air conditioning equipment in school facilities as required by
 6 this Act.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 8 education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Appropriation; Public Schools; Noise Control; Air Conditioning

Description:

Requires the DOE to establish: (1) standards for noise control and air conditioning at school facilities; and (2) a priority list of schools with the greatest need for air conditioning. Appropriates funds for noise control and air conditioning in public schools.

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