
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. There is a need to install air conditioning and
5 other heat abatement equipment in public school classrooms to
6 preserve and promote the health and safety of students and
7 teachers, and to foster a better and more comfortable and
8 productive learning environment. With the current El Nino
9 conditions, high temperatures in classrooms during the summer
10 months will be a continuing problem that must be addressed. In
11 order to keep the costs of operating air conditioning and heat
12 abatement equipment in the classrooms affordable and to reduce
13 dependence on imported fossil fuels, energy efficient lighting
14 and other energy efficiency measures will also be necessary in
15 conjunction with the air conditioning and other heat abatement
16 measures.

17 In order to upgrade 1,000 classrooms by the end of calendar
18 year 2016 and to cool as many classrooms as possible during the
19 hottest months, this project must proceed as quickly as

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1 possible. Additionally, work done during the summer break will
2 minimize classroom disruption and constraints on contractor work
3 conditions. To facilitate this schedule, funding needs to be
4 authorized immediately to allow the permitting and contracting
5 to proceed.

6 A source of funding for this effort is currently available
7 in the green infrastructure loan program. The funds will be
8 loaned to the department of education and the department of
9 budget and finance at affordable rates. General obligation bond
10 funds are also requested for this effort.

11 The purpose of this Act is to: 1) appropriate special
12 funds from the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund to
13 provide a loan to the department of education and the department
14 of budget and finance for the equipment and installation of air
15 conditioning, energy efficient lighting and other energy
16 efficiency measures; 2) authorize the department of education
17 and the department of budget and finance to borrow from the
18 green infrastructure loan program and authorize the department
19 of education to expend the funds for the equipment and
20 installation of air conditioning, heat abatement equipment,
21 energy efficient lighting and other energy efficiency measures;
22 3) appropriate general obligation bond funds to the department
23 of education for the equipment and installation of air
24 conditioning, heat abatement equipment, energy efficient
25 lighting and other energy efficiency measures; and

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1 4) appropriate general funds to the department of budget and
2 finance to make the initial loan repayment to the green
3 infrastructure loan program.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii green
5 infrastructure special fund the sum of \$100,000,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and to
7 loan such moneys to the department of education and department
8 of budget and finance.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 business, economic development and tourism for the purposes of
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 4. The department of education and department of
13 budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, are
14 authorized to borrow the sum of \$100,000,000 or so much thereof
15 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 from the green
16 infrastructure loan program for capital improvement program
17 equipment and installation costs for air conditioning, energy
18 efficient lighting and other energy efficiency measures related
19 to heat abatement at public schools. The sum of \$100,000,000 or
20 so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of other
21 funds for fiscal year 2015-2016 to allow expenditure of the
22 funds for such purpose.

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

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1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,000,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
4 initial loan repayment for the moneys borrowed from the green
5 infrastructure loan program by the department of education and
6 department of budget and finance.

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

9 SECTION 6. The sum of \$30,000,000 or so much thereof as
10 may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 in general obligation
11 bond funds is appropriated for capital improvement program
12 equipment and installation costs for air conditioning, other
13 heat abatement measures, energy efficient lighting and other
14 energy efficiency measures related to heat abatement at public
15 schools.

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

18 SECTION 7. Funds appropriated or authorized by this Act
19 that are not expended or encumbered by June 30, 2018 shall lapse
20 as of that date, provided that funds appropriated or authorized
21 by section 5 of this Act not expended or encumbered by June 30,
22 2017 shall lapse as of that date.

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

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Description:

To provide for air conditioning, heat abatement and related energy efficiency measures at public schools by authorizing a loan from the green infrastructure loan program to the departments of education and budget and finance, and making appropriations for expenditure of the borrowed funds, additional capital improvements and the initial loan repayment.

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