
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of education in
2 consultation with the Hawaii state energy office of the
3 department of business, economic development, and tourism and
4 the Hawaii natural energy institute of the University of Hawaii,
5 shall develop a master strategy for the cooling of all public
6 school facilities and shall conduct a comprehensive study that
7 addresses factors, including but not limited to:

- 8 (1) Applicable electrical and environmental standards
9 governing the use of equipment to facilitate ideal
10 room temperatures;
- 11 (2) Estimated capital improvement project costs;
- 12 (3) Projected long-term repair and maintenance costs; and
- 13 (4) Any other factors that are relevant to the
14 legislature's consideration of the department of
15 education's proposals for funding the master strategy
16 for cooling all public school facilities.



1 (b) The comprehensive study may be conducted in
2 coordination with other infrastructure studies undertaken by the
3 department of education for similar purposes to:

- 4 (1) Minimize duplication and maximize cost benefits; and
- 5 (2) Ensure that retrofits of infrastructure are performed
6 in conjunction with energy-efficiency projects,
7 deferred maintenance, and upgrades of facilities.

8 SECTION 2. The department of education shall submit a
9 report of findings and recommendations, including any proposed
10 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
11 to the convening of the regular session of 2016. The report
12 shall include:

- 13 (1) A timeline that includes dates and prioritization
14 schedules for the implementation of the master
15 strategy for cooling all public school facilities;
- 16 (2) Discussion of the capacity, infrastructure, and
17 funding needs of the department of education in
18 implementing the master strategy for cooling all
19 public school facilities; and
- 20 (3) Discussion of how the master strategy for cooling all
21 public school facilities complements and overlaps with



1 the department of education's overall facilities
2 master plan and sustainability efforts.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for a
6 comprehensive study regarding the cooling of all public school
7 facilities and the development of a master strategy for cooling
8 all public school facilities.

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

11 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016
15 for the purpose of funding projects that demonstrate efficient
16 methods of cooling classrooms.

17 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
18 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
19 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
20 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
21 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Public Schools; Cooling; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of education in consultation with the Hawaii state energy office of the department of business, economic development, and tourism and the Hawaii natural energy institute of the University of Hawaii, to conduct a comprehensive study and develop a master strategy for the cooling of all public schools. Requires the findings to be reported to the legislature. Appropriates funds for the comprehensive study of cooling needs and development of a master strategy for cooling all public schools. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for projects that demonstrate efficient methods of cooling classrooms. (SD1)

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