
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

PART I

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2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that new affordable
3 housing generates additional students within a school district
4 in the same way that all other new housing development increases
5 school enrollment. School impact fees are a direct link between
6 new housing units and the new or expanded school facilities
7 required to address the enrollment growth caused by the new
8 units.

9 The purpose of this part is to clarify that if a new
10 residential development within a designated school impact
11 district requires a county subdivision approval, a county
12 building permit, or a condominium property regime approval, then
13 the developer is also required to fulfill certain impact fee
14 requirements of the department of education, even if the
15 projects are processed pursuant to section 201H-38, Hawaii
16 Revised Statutes, or section 46-15.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,



1 with the involvement of the Hawaii housing finance and
2 development corporation or a corresponding county agency.

3 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1603, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person who
6 seeks to develop a new residential development within a
7 designated school impact district requiring:

- 8 (1) A county subdivision approval;
- 9 (2) A county building permit; or
- 10 (3) A condominium property regime approval for the
11 project,

12 shall be required to fulfill the land component impact fee or
13 fee in lieu requirement and construction cost component impact
14 fee requirement of the department, including all government
15 housing projects[-] and projects processed pursuant to sections
16 46-15.1 and 201H-38."

17 PART II

18 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1608, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "§302A-1608 Accounting and expenditure requirements. (a)
21 Each designated school impact district shall be a separate



1 benefit district. Fees collected within each school impact
2 district shall be spent only within the same school impact
3 district for the purposes collected.

4 (b) Land dedicated by the developer shall be used only as
5 a site for the construction of one or more new schools or for
6 the expansion of existing school facilities. If the land is
7 never used for the school facility, it shall be returned to the
8 developer, or the developer's successor in interest. Once used,
9 the land may be sold, with the proceeds used to acquire land for
10 school facilities in the same school impact district.

11 (c) If the land is not used for a school facility within
12 twenty years of its dedication, it shall be returned to the
13 developer, or the developer's successor in interest.

14 (d) Once used for school facilities, all or part of the
15 land may be later sold. Proceeds from the sale shall be used to
16 acquire land for school facilities in the same school impact
17 district.

18 (e) Fee in lieu funds may be used for school site land
19 acquisition and related expenses, including surveying,
20 appraisals, and legal fees. [Fee] With the exception of urban
21 Honolulu, fee in lieu funds shall not be used for the



1 maintenance or operation of existing schools in the district ~~[7]~~;
2 construction costs, including architectural, permitting, or
3 financing costs ~~[7]~~; or for administrative expenses.

4 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (e), in urban Honolulu, fee
5 in lieu funds may be used to purchase completed construction,
6 construct new school facilities, improve or renovate existing
7 structures for school use, or lease land or facilities for
8 school use.

9 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Construction cost component impact fees shall be
10 used only for the costs of new school facilities that ~~[expands]~~
11 expand the student capacity of existing schools or adds student
12 capacity in new schools. Construction cost component impact
13 fees may not be used to replace an existing school located
14 within the same school impact district, either on the same site
15 or on a different site.

16 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Eligible construction costs include planning,
17 engineering, architectural, permitting, financing, and
18 administrative expenses, and any other capital equipment
19 expenses pertaining to educational facilities.

20 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) Construction cost component impact fees shall
21 not be expended for:



1 (1) The maintenance or operation of existing schools in
2 the district; or

3 (2) Portable or temporary facilities.

4 [~~(i)~~] (j) If a closure, demolition, or conversion of an
5 existing permanent department facility within a school impact
6 district that has the effect of reducing student capacity
7 occurs, an amount of new student capacity in permanent buildings
8 equivalent to the lost capacity shall not be funded with school
9 impact fees.

10 [~~(j)~~] (k) Fees in lieu, proceeds from the sale of all or
11 part of an existing school site that has been dedicated by a
12 developer pursuant to the requirements of this subpart, and
13 construction cost component impact fees shall be expended or
14 encumbered within twenty years of the date of collection. Fees
15 shall be considered spent or encumbered on a first-in, first-out
16 basis. An expenditure plan for all collected impact fees shall
17 be incorporated into the annual budget process of the department
18 and subject to legislative approval of the budget.

19 (1) As used in this section, "urban Honolulu" means the
20 Kalihi to Ala Moana school impact district."



1 PART III

2 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

3 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

School Impact Fees; Housing Projects; Urban Honolulu

Description:

Clarifies that developers of certain projects are subject to school impact fees, even when the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a corresponding county agency participates in the development of the projects. Provides that in urban Honolulu, fee in lieu funds may be used to purchase completed construction, construct new school facilities, improve or renovate existing structures for school use, or lease land or facilities for school use. (SB2731 HD1)

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