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S.B. NO. 852

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION.

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. The department of education's student
5 transportation services branch provides suitable transportation
6 to and from school for general education children in grades
7 kindergarten to twelve and all special education services, as
8 mandated to be provided by federal law. Personnel are located
9 in counties throughout the State. Services are delivered
10 through private vendors to provide transportation services based
11 on route agreements, with a focus on effectiveness, efficiency,
12 and safety.

13 Student bus fare collections from general education student
14 riders are minimal, accounting for only four to five per cent of
15 the overall annual cost of school transportation services.



1 The current level of general fund appropriations for
2 student transportation is not sufficient to support the cost of
3 the provision of school transportation services at their current
4 levels. The projected cost of school busing services for the
5 2014-2015 school year is \$62,000,000 which is approximately
6 \$5,000,000 less than previous expenditure levels. School
7 transportation cost is anticipated to continue to decrease as
8 the department of education initiates efficiency savings in
9 general education transportation services on the neighbor
10 islands. However, all costs are subject to increases due to
11 inflation. The general fund base budget for the transportation
12 contract is \$53,600,000 for the next biennium.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to meet the
14 projected shortfall for student transportation services.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,300,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
18 projected shortfall for the provision of student transportation
19 services so as to continue to meet student transportation needs.

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



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

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Student Transportation Services

Description:

Provides an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2014-2015 for student transportation services.

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