
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEAT ABATEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that \$100,000,000 was
2 appropriated for the department of education's heat abatement
3 program in 2016. To advance Hawaii's clean energy goals, the
4 legislature also required the department of education to
5 establish a goal of being net-zero with respect to energy use by
6 January 1, 2035. The legislature further required the
7 department, and any contractor hired to implement classroom
8 cooling measures by the department, to maximize energy
9 efficiency, installation, and operating cost savings over the
10 entire life of heat abatement projects.

11 The legislature additionally finds that while \$100,000,000
12 was intended to fund heat abatement upgrades for at least one
13 thousand public school classrooms, an estimated six thousand
14 additional classrooms are in need of heat abatement
15 improvements. With contractors bidding in excess of \$80,000 per
16 classroom on department of education cooling projects after the
17 \$100,000,000 was appropriated, providing funds for continuing



1 heat abatement and energy efficiency upgrades throughout the
2 state's public school system remains a high priority for public
3 education policy.

4 The purpose of this Act is to expedite the cooling of all
5 public school classrooms to a temperature conducive to student
6 learning by providing that moneys in the Hawaii green
7 infrastructure special fund may be used for loans to subsidize
8 installation costs for air conditioning, energy-efficient
9 lighting, and other energy-efficiency measures related to heat
10 abatement at public schools.

11 SECTION 2. Section 196-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) Moneys in the Hawaii green infrastructure special
14 fund may be used, subject to the approval of the public
15 utilities commission, for the purposes of:

- 16 (1) Making green infrastructure loans[+], including for
17 installation costs for air conditioning, energy-
18 efficient lighting, and other energy-efficiency
19 measures related to heat abatement at public schools;
- 20 (2) Paying administrative costs of the Hawaii green
21 infrastructure loan program;



1 (3) Paying any other costs related to the Hawaii green
2 infrastructure loan program; or

3 (4) Paying financing costs, as defined in section 269-161,
4 to the extent permitted by the public utilities
5 commission in a financing order issued pursuant to
6 section 269-163."

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii green
8 infrastructure special fund the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
10 purpose of loaning such moneys to the department of education
11 and department of budget and finance for the purposes of this
12 Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
15 this Act.

16 SECTION 4. The department of education and department of
17 budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, are
18 authorized to borrow the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
19 may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 from the green
20 infrastructure loan program for capital improvement program
21 equipment and installation costs for air conditioning, energy-



1 efficient lighting, and other energy-efficiency measures related
2 to heat abatement at public schools.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of other funds under
4 the control of the department of education and the department of
5 budget and finance the sum of \$ or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to allow expenditure
7 of funds borrowed pursuant to section 4 for capital improvement
8 program equipment and installation costs for air conditioning,
9 energy-efficient lighting, and other energy-efficiency measures
10 related to heat abatement at public schools.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 education and the department of budget and finance for the
13 purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
17 initial loan repayment for the moneys borrowed from the green
18 infrastructure loan program by the department of education and
19 department of budget and finance.

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



1 SECTION 7. Funds appropriated or authorized by this Act
2 that are not expended or encumbered by June 30, 2019, shall
3 lapse as of that date to the fund from which the funds
4 originated.

5 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on January 28, 2081.



Report Title:

Public Schools; Heat Abatement; Hawaii Green Infrastructure
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Description:

Authorizes the DOE and B&F to borrow moneys from the Hawaii
green infrastructure loan program for heat abatement measures at
public schools. Appropriates general funds to make an initial
repayment to the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund.
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