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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE
NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN KIHEI.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that south Maui County
2 currently lacks a high school. Significant population growth in
3 this area, particularly in the Kihei-Makena region, along with
4 geographical separation from existing central Maui high schools,
5 has created a need for a new high school in south Maui.
6 Students in Kihei must travel long distances to attend high
7 school in central Maui. Furthermore, the lack of a high school
8 in the south Maui area has raised enrollment at two central Maui
9 schools, Maui high school and Baldwin high school, such that
10 each of those schools has surpassed its respective design
11 capacity and is now overcrowded.

12 The legislature also finds that it has previously
13 appropriated funds to cover all costs for the planning, design,
14 and construction of a new high school in Kihei. In 2013, the
15 legislature appropriated \$130,000,000 for the completion of the
16 project. However, due to fiscal concerns and changes in



1 administration, the department of education was unable to spend
2 \$100,000,000 of the appropriated funds. In response, the
3 department adopted a phased approach for the project. The first
4 phase of the project would include the necessary infrastructure
5 construction and the second phase would include the construction
6 of the new school's physical buildings.

7 The legislature additionally finds that it has secured
8 \$30,000,000 in funds for the first phase of the project. The
9 securing of these funds allowed the department to commence the
10 infrastructure construction of the first phase and break ground
11 on the new Kihei high school in January 2016.

12 The legislature further finds that an appropriation of
13 funds for the second phase of the Kihei high school project is
14 necessary at this time so that the remaining planning, design,
15 and construction work on the second phase may move forward
16 without further delay. While the design of this unique school
17 has taken some additional time, the school's well-planned and
18 strategic innovations will optimize the benefits provided to
19 students and the community. When complete, the new high school
20 will feature an innovative, eco-friendly design that will take
21 full advantage of the building site and accompanying natural



1 resources. The new school is designed as the first net-zero
2 energy school in the State and it will incorporate site-
3 appropriate eco-strategies that will allow for continuous use of
4 indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

5 The legislature also finds that the new Kihei high school
6 project has been in the planning stages for nearly a decade and
7 current estimates from the department of education indicate that
8 the new school will not open before 2022. Given the
9 overcrowding in central Maui schools and the ever-increasing
10 population in the Kihei-Makena region, additional delays in
11 construction of the new Kihei high school will continue to
12 negatively impact students and community members of south Maui.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
14 appropriation of \$123,000,000 for the funding of the second
15 phase of the planning, design, and construction of the new high
16 school in Kihei, Maui.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$123,000,000 or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2018-2019 for the department of education for completing



1 the planning, design, and construction for the second phase of
2 the new high school in Kihei, Maui.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of education for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Kihei High School; School Construction; Department of Education; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of education for completing the planning, design, and construction for the second phase of the new high school in Kihei, Maui.

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