
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that hot classroom
2 temperatures in Hawaii's public schools can adversely affect
3 students by making them drowsy, irritable, and unmotivated.
4 Hawaii's overheated classrooms can also cause students to suffer
5 headaches, nausea, and heat rashes.

6 The legislature further finds that classroom temperatures
7 over eighty degrees can lead to students' decreased
8 concentration and decreased performance on testing.

9 The legislature also finds that heat abatement in Hawaii's
10 public schools is becoming a necessity for students to learn and
11 enjoy their time in school. During the fall of 2017, the State
12 fulfilled its promise to install air conditioning in more than
13 one thousand classrooms in eighty-eight public schools across
14 five islands. However, there continues to be a need to install
15 air conditioning in public school classrooms as some classrooms
16 remain without air conditioning units.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
 2 installation of air conditioning in Hawaii's public school
 3 permanent classrooms and portable classrooms that have not yet
 4 received air conditioning units; provided that the school
 5 principal designates the installation of air conditioning units
 6 as the school's top priority.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
 10 the installation of air conditioning in those Hawaii public
 11 school classrooms that have not received air conditioning units;
 12 provided that the school principal designates the installation
 13 of air conditioning units as the school's top priority.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds for the Department of Education to install air conditioning in public schools that prioritize the project.

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