
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that ultraviolet (UV)
2 rays present in sunlight pose a threat to the wellbeing of
3 Hawaii's people. Ultraviolet rays play a significant role in
4 the development of sunburns, skin aging, and skin cancers,
5 including malignant melanoma. Providing protection from direct
6 sunlight by installing shading over playgrounds would protect
7 Hawaii's keiki and thereby benefit the State.

8 The legislature further finds that rising energy costs
9 across the State have led to increased spending for utilities.
10 According to the Energy Information Administration, the State
11 had an average electricity cost of 42.15 cents per kilowatt hour
12 in 2022 compared to 31.11 cents per kilowatt hour in 2021.
13 Nationwide, the average electricity cost is 12.81 cents per
14 kilowatt hour.

15 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
16 to the department of education for the design and construction



1 of photovoltaic panels over all playgrounds on department of
2 education schools.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2024-2025 for the design and construction of photovoltaic
8 panels over all playgrounds on department of education schools.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
10 or education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Photovoltaic Panels; Playgrounds;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to design and construct photovoltaic panel coverings over playgrounds at all Department of Education schools.

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