

ACT 330

S.B. NO. 1382

A Bill for an Act Relating to School Air Conditioning.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 296-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“~~[[§296-37]]~~ Noise and climate control at school facilities.** The department of education shall plan for and request appropriations necessary to implement acoustic noise control and air conditioning of existing and new school facilities in areas which are susceptible to extremes of temperature or affected by aircraft, traffic, and other noise. The department shall develop [criteria] appropriate standards and consider local conditions for deciding whether acoustic noise control and air conditioning of existing and new school facilities are required for effective classroom instruction. In all cases where acoustic treatment of school facilities is planned, the department shall utilize the services of individuals qualified by training and experience to recommend appropriate noise control procedures and components. Acoustic noise control and air conditioning shall be given equal weight as all other factors in the criteria used by the department in setting priorities for school construction and renovations.

In any case where air conditioners are installed in a particular school, the department may require that the approximate cost of electricity and maintenance for air conditioners not installed by the department of accounting and general services be paid by a private entity until the department establishes temperature and noise standards and a policy relating to air conditioning.

For the purposes of this section, “air conditioning” means any mechanical device which cools or heats air.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 15, 1989.)