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S.B. NO. 1622

A Bill for an Act Relating to Schools.

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

SECTION 1. Schools that are well maintained and cared for inspire learning and involvement on the part of students, teachers, parents, and the community at large. The legislature agrees with the governor's remarks in his 1989 State of the State address, that, as part of the State's commitment to ensuring that Hawaii's public schools will be renewed places of learning by the turn of this century, the public schools must be housed in facilities that are conducive to learning and foster pride in achievement.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a school inspection program that will achieve and maintain a high level of sanitation, safety, maintenance, upkeep, and care of the general physical appearance of the public schools consistent with public health and safety standards.

SECTION 2. Chapter 296, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§296- School inspection program. The department of education, in consultation and cooperation with the department of health and the department of accounting and general services, shall establish a school inspection program to maintain high levels of hygiene, sanitation and health, safety, maintenance, and

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physical appearance for each school for the benefit of students, administrators, and staff. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The utilization of checklists which reflect basic standards;
- (2) The involvement of students, parents, and staff; and
- (3) Regularly scheduled announced inspections and unannounced inspections of school grounds, restrooms, cafeterias, lockerrooms, classrooms, and other facilities.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 19, 1989.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.