

ACT 72

H.B. NO. 3439

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Operating Expenses of the Department of Education.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is an emergency measure recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of the constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 1995, appropriated a designated sum to the department of education to provide funds for electricity under the school support program (EDN 400) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996.

A critical funding emergency exists. The schools will expend all funds appropriated for electricity before the end of the current fiscal year. The extent of the increase in costs for electricity and other utilities was anticipated and requested but not funded by the legislature. To prevent the reduction or discontinuance of educational services to students due to lack of electricity in the schools, the additional funds are urgently needed.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,284,156 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995-1996 for school electricity payments.

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

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 9, 1996.)