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H.B. NO. 2446

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Collective Bargaining Increases.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to enable payment of collective bargaining increases that were effective January 2003 for department of education employees who are members of bargaining units 1 and 5.

SECTION 3. Wages were increased by four percent effective January 1, 2003 for unit 1, and by three percent effective January 21, 2003 for unit 5. Funding for these mid-year increases was inadvertently omitted from the governor's biennium budget proposal. To correct this omission the governor's proposed fiscal year 2004-2005 supplemental budget has included an increase for the second year of the biennium. An emergency appropriation is needed to fund the increases for the first year of the biennium.

A critical funding emergency exists in fiscal year 2003-2004. The department of education will not have sufficient funds to pay salaries with the current appropriation amount.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,417,636, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2003-2004.

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

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

(Approved May 11, 2004.)