

ACT 113

H.B. NO. 2987

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Saint Louis School.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public interest and for the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Saint Louis School is the successor of the College of Ahuimanu in Windward Oahu, established in 1846 by the Catholic Missions under the direction of the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1881, the school moved to its second location on Beretania Street, adjoining Washington Place. The name, "College of St. Louis," was given to the institution in honor of Bishop Louis Maigret's patron saint. Classes began at the school's present location at Kalaepohaku in 1928.

The mission of Saint Louis School is to educate and challenge students of various religious, ethnic, and economic backgrounds to achieve a quality education and become gentlemen of character, reaching individual potential through the Catholic Marianist tradition of spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional maturity.

The proposed expansion or improvement of Saint Louis School that may be supported by the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds includes approximately:

- (1) \$4,250,000 for the renovation of Hale Hoaloha to house the grade school classrooms;
- (2) \$2,500,000 to remodel and update the current facilities;
- (3) \$5,500,000 to build the Clarence T. C. Ching Fine Arts Complex; and
- (4) \$2,750,000 for an administration or classroom building.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Saint Louis School to finance or refinance the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of its educational facilities.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to part VIII, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, in one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Saint Louis School, a Hawaii not-for-profit corporation, to finance and refinance the planning, construction, and improvement of its educational facilities in the State. The legislature finds and determines that the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of the facilities of Saint Louis School constitute a project as defined in part VIII, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to not-for-profit private nonsectarian and sectarian elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, and universities that serve the general public.

SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act shall be issued pursuant to part VIII,

chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist not-for-profit private nonsectarian and sectarian elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, and universities that serve the general public.

SECTION 4. The special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act may be issued in one or more series for a single project, multiple projects, a single-project party, or multiple-project parties pursuant to the authority of this Act or the combined authority of this Act and any one or more other separate acts of the legislature pursuant to part VIII, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the department of budget and finance may combine into a single issue of special purpose revenue bonds, in one or more series, two or more proposed issues of special purpose revenue bonds to be issued pursuant to part VIII, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, separately authorized, in the total amount not to exceed the aggregate of the proposed separate issues of special purpose revenue bonds.

SECTION 5. The department of budget and finance is authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to June 30, 2011, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds authorized in this section, regardless of whether the outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in section 2. In making this determination, the department shall comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature authorized by this section.

SECTION 6. The authorization to issue special purpose revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2011.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

(Approved May 19, 2006.)