A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a key component in
- 2 improving public education in Hawaii is the provision of school
- 3 facilities that support and enhance academic programs.
- 4 Regrettably, school repair and maintenance has been sacrificed
- 5 in recent years due to budget constraints. The legislature
- 6 further finds that no public school in the State is given
- 7 sufficient funds to meet all of its repair and maintenance
- 8 needs. As a result, the degradation and deterioration of each
- 9 school campus worsens with each passing year. In the past, the
- 10 general practice has been to repair only the most critical,
- 11 health-threatening conditions that exist, or to tackle the least
- 12 complicated projects in an effort merely to maintain a basic
- 13 level of facility operation. This has proved an imprudent
- 14 course of action which, by now, has culminated in a massive
- 15 school repair and renovation crisis.
- 16 Additionally, the legislature finds that education is of
- 17 primary importance to Hawaii's future in a global,
- 18 high-technology economy. The newest campuses notwithstanding,



- 1 school facilities statewide will never be able to support the
- 2 kind of high-quality education students deserve if they continue
- 3 to become rundown, unhealthy, and even dangerous.
- 4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to address
- 5 the backlog of repair and maintenance projects of all public
- 6 school facilities.

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- 7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 10 repair and maintenance of all public school facilities.
- 11 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- 12 department of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Description:

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