
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE AIR COOLING NEEDS OF EACH SCHOOL COMPLEX AND TO REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ALTERNATIVE AIR COOLING METHODS SUCH AS FANS, HEAT REDUCTION, INSULATION, AND ENERGY EFFICIENT INDIVIDUAL AIR CONDITIONING WALL UNITS.

1 WHEREAS, students need to have the most conducive,
2 comfortable learning environment in order to achieve the
3 educational standards set for them; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a physical learning
6 environment that is free of unnecessary distractions from heat
7 or outside noise is crucial to student learning; and
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9 WHEREAS, given Hawaii's tropical environment and heat, many
10 classrooms need to be equipped with air conditioning or
11 alternative air cooling methods; and
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13 WHEREAS, despite a tremendous backlog of repair and
14 maintenance items and the need for new schools and facilities,
15 it is important to include air conditioning costs as part of a
16 comprehensive priority list of critical budget items for the
17 Department of Education (DOE); and
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19 WHEREAS, DOE has projected that the provision of necessary
20 air conditioning to each school and school complex will cost
21 \$1,000,000,000 over the next five years; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, that DOE is requested to study the air cooling
26 needs of each school complex and review the feasibility of using
27 alternative air cooling methods such as fans, heat reduction,
28 insulation, and energy efficient individual air conditioning
29 wall units; and



