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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the backlog of
2 repair and maintenance projects in public schools continues to
3 be of concern and that all means of addressing the problem
4 should be explored and supported.

5 The legislature finds that Hawaii 3R's, has saved the State
6 money by completing repair and maintenance projects at public
7 schools. Hawaii 3R's generates savings for the State by
8 leveraging state grant funds with federal funds, private
9 donations, and volunteerism or "sweat equity" from various
10 community organizations and businesses.

11 Since its inception in 2001, Hawaii 3R's has saved the
12 State over \$15.5 million. This figure is determined by taking
13 the State's estimated cost of the repair and maintenance
14 projects completed in Hawaii 3R's projects (\$18 million) and
15 subtracting the amount of state grant funds appropriated (\$2.468
16 million). This means that for every State dollar invested in
17 Hawaii 3R's, over \$7 worth of work is completed. It is also



1 noteworthy that Hawaii 3R's has statewide reach, with two
2 hundred sixty-two grants awarded to one hundred twenty different
3 schools on the islands of Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kauai, and
4 Hawaii.

5 The legislature also finds that the public-private
6 partnership between the State and Hawaii 3R's is effective and
7 essential to the success of the program. Specifically, the
8 legislature finds that a coordinator position within the
9 department of education would provide Hawaii 3R's with
10 expertise, support, quick responses, and access to state
11 resources and information. The coordinator position would also
12 add visibility and positive media coverage to the efforts of the
13 State.

14 The legislature acknowledges that Hawaii 3R's has built a
15 partnership with the Joint Venture Education Forum, a
16 partnership between the department of education and the United
17 States Pacific Command. This relationship benefits not only
18 military-impacted or military-partnered schools but all of
19 Hawaii's public schools through increased military partnerships.
20 Through the federal Joint Venture Education Forum funding,
21 Hawaii 3R's can provide grants to over one hundred military-
22 impacted, dependent, partnered schools.



1 The legislature is encouraged by the level of support that
2 the community has given to Hawaii 3R's and, more importantly, to
3 the public schools. Skilled and unskilled volunteer labor from
4 the military, civic clubs, churches, teachers, parents, and
5 students, combined with donations from community restaurants and
6 businesses, have all contributed to the success of Hawaii 3R's.
7 Also, trade unions and associations have been lending invaluable
8 support. Overall, over two thousand five hundred people have
9 provided over ten thousand hours of volunteer labor.

10 The legislature understands that it is necessary to
11 continue to provide state funding for Hawaii 3R's to fund grants
12 that cannot be funded through Hawaii 3R's other funding sources.
13 Hawaii 3R's has proven to be a worthy means of investing in the
14 condition of public school facilities and has proven to be
15 efficient by keeping administrative costs below ten per cent of
16 overall expenses.

17 Finally, the legislature finds that appropriating public
18 funds to Hawaii 3R's serves the public purpose of expediting the
19 repair and maintenance of Hawaii's public schools.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000, or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the



1 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2 2008-2009, to Hawaii 3R's as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended the department of
5 education through the Hawaii 3R's school repair and maintenance
6 fund for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000, or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
10 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2008-2009, for a position within the department of education to
12 coordinate the public and private efforts to repair and maintain
13 public schools; provided that the coordinator shall serve at the
14 pleasure of the superintendent of education and that chapter 76,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to any action taken by
16 the superintendent pursuant to this section.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of education for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act, or the
20 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
21 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
22 applications of the Act which can be given effect without the



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1 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
2 of this Act are severable.

3 SECTION 5. It is the intent of this Act not to jeopardize
4 the receipt of any federal aid nor to impair the obligation of
5 the State or any agency thereof to the holders of any bond
6 issued by the State or by any such agency, and to the extent,
7 and only to the extent, necessary to effectuate this intent, the
8 governor may modify the strict provisions of this Act, but shall
9 promptly report any such modification with reasons therefore to
10 the legislature at its next session thereafter for review by the
11 legislature.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY: Norman Sotomayor



Report Title:

Education; Repairs and Maintenance; Hawaii 3R's

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii 3R's school repair and maintenance program and the Hawaii 3R's coordinator position for each year of the fiscal biennium.

