
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that hot classroom
2 temperatures in Hawaii's public schools can adversely affect
3 students by making them drowsy, irritable, and unmotivated.
4 Hawaii's overheated classrooms can also cause students to suffer
5 headaches, nausea, and heat rashes.

6 The legislature further finds that classroom temperatures
7 over eighty degrees can lead to students' decreased
8 concentration and decreased performance on testing.

9 The legislature recognizes that heat abatement in Hawaii's
10 public schools is becoming necessary in order for students to
11 learn and enjoy their time in school. During the fall of 2017,
12 the State fulfilled its promise to install air conditioning in
13 more than one thousand classrooms in eighty-eight public schools
14 across five islands. However, there continues to be a need to
15 install air conditioning in public school classrooms because
16 approximately 5,736 permanent classrooms and six hundred thirty-
17 eight portable classrooms lack air conditioning units.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
2 installation of air conditioning in permanent classrooms and
3 portable classrooms in Hawaii's public schools that have not
4 received air conditioning units; provided that the school
5 principal designates the installation of air conditioning units
6 as the school's top priority.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to install
10 air conditioning in permanent classrooms and portable classrooms
11 in Hawaii public schools that have not received air conditioning
12 units; provided that the school principal designates the
13 installation of air conditioning units as the school's top
14 priority.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Public Schools; Air Conditioning; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to install air conditioning in public schools that prioritize the project.

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