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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. On October 10, 2019, the 26th Annual Children
2 and Youth Summit was held at the State Capitol. The Summit
3 brought together hundreds of young adults from across the State
4 to discuss important contemporary issues, and to find solutions
5 to current problems. For the topic of safety and security, the
6 summit identified gender-neutral bathrooms at schools as the
7 priority issue.

8 The legislature finds that gender-neutral bathroom
9 facilities can provide a safer and more welcoming space to a
10 person who may be transgender, or who may not identify with
11 either the male or female gender. School districts and
12 universities across the country are installing gender-neutral
13 bathrooms. National businesses, such as Target, already provide
14 gender-neutral bathrooms. According to Yelp, more than one
15 hundred sixty thousand businesses in the United States have
16 gender-neutral bathrooms.



1 The purpose of this measure is to require the department of
2 education to provide at least one gender-neutral bathroom at
3 each public school.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§302A- Gender-neutral bathrooms. At each public
8 school, there shall be at least one gender-neutral bathroom for
9 use by students.

10 For purposes of this section, "gender-neutral bathroom"
11 means a bathroom located in a safe and accessible area that can
12 be used by a person of any gender or gender identity."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires public schools to provide at least one gender-neutral bathroom for student use.

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