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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOR LEAD ABATEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. In providing a safe educational space for
5 students to learn, the department of education strives to ensure
6 that its facilities are maintained to protect the health and
7 safety of its students, teachers, and staff. According to the
8 United States Environmental Protection Agency, there is no known
9 safe level of lead in a child's blood and lead is harmful to
10 health, especially for children.

11 Results of the recently completed first phase of a United
12 States Environmental Protection Agency's, Water Infrastructure
13 Improvements for the Nation Act grant programs found department
14 of education elementary schools in Hawaii with old plumbing
15 fixtures that are resulting in trace amounts of lead being found
16 in drinking water sources.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Department of Education; Lead Abatement; Appropriation

Description:

Provides funds for lead abatement measures at Department of Education elementary schools.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Education

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR LEAD ABATEMENT.

PURPOSE: To provide funds for lead abatement measures to repair or replace plumbing fixtures shown to have more than five parts per billion lead at Department of Education elementary schools.

MEANS: Provides an emergency appropriation of general funds to the Department of Education.

JUSTIFICATION: According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood and lead is harmful to health, especially for children.

Results of the recently completed first phase of a United States Environmental Protection Agency's, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act grant programs found that at one hundred six Department of Education elementary schools, five per cent of drinking water sources exceeded the project action level of fifteen parts per billion lead while nearly twenty per cent exceeded five parts per billion lead.

Funding provided through this measure would be used to repair or replace plumbing fixtures shown to have more than five parts per billion lead at Department of Education elementary schools to provide safe drinking water to elementary school students.

Impact on the public: Increases the safety of elementary school campuses by reducing

the exposure of students to levels of lead in their drinking water.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The Department of Education would need the funding to replace the problematic fixtures.

GENERAL FUND: \$1,850,000

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: EDN 400

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.