
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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, heat rashes, heat exhaustion, and, in severe
6 cases, heat stroke. Additionally, studies show that while
7 classroom temperatures over eighty degrees can negatively impact
8 student achievement, temperatures in Hawaii's classrooms are
9 regularly recorded at over one hundred degrees during certain
10 periods of the school year.

11 The legislature additionally finds that \$100,000,000 was
12 appropriated for the department of education's heat abatement
13 program through Act 47, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016. While the
14 \$100,000,000 appropriated in 2016 successfully funded heat
15 abatement upgrades for over one thousand three hundred public
16 school classrooms, over five thousand classrooms still require
17 heat abatement improvements. With classroom temperatures
18 continuing to escalate because of the impact of climate change



1 on the State, providing heat abatement upgrades for overheated
2 classrooms remains a high priority for Hawaii's public school
3 system.

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
5 installation of air conditioning in Hawaii's public school
6 classrooms.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
10 the installation of air conditioning in Hawaii public school
11 classrooms that have not received air conditioning units or
12 other heat abatement measures.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Public Schools; Air Conditioning; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to install air conditioning units for public school classrooms that have not received air conditioning units. (CD1)

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