THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 531 S.D. 1 Proposed

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 the school 2 facilities authority carries out an important mission to ensure 3 the development, planning, and construction of all public 4 schools in the State. By ensuring that each public school's 5 facilities provide students, educators, and communities with 6 high quality and healthy learning environments, the school 7 facilities authority actively supports public education. 8 However, for the school facilities authority to fulfill its 9 mission to support public education in the State, the school 10 facilities authority requires effective leadership.

11 The legislature further finds that other agencies 12 administratively attached to the department of education, such 13 as the executive office on early learning, the charter school 14 commission, and the libraries, require their respective boards 15 to appoint their executive director. However, the school 16 facilities authority executive director is appointed by the 17 governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. As a

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result, the school facilities authority is not consistent with
 other similar agencies. To promote uniformity, the school
 facilities authority executive director should be appointed by
 the members of the authority.

5 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
6 school facilities authority to appoint its executive director
7 and evaluate their performance annually.

8 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1702, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 The authority shall [employ] appoint an executive "(b) 11 director exempt from chapters 76 and 89. [The governor shall 12 appoint the executive director in the manner prescribed in 13 section 26-34; provided that the executive director's term shall 14 be for six years, which shall commence on the day the senate 15 advises and consents to the executive director's nomination and 16 the executive director shall not be limited in the number of 17 terms served. If a vacancy occurs during a term, the governor 18 shall appoint an interim executive director whose appointment 19 shall expire if the senate does not advise and consent to the 20 nomination-of an executive director at the next regular session 21 of the legislature after the vacancy occurs.] The authority

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shall evaluate the executive director on an annual basis. The
salary of the executive director shall be set by the school
facilities board and the executive director shall be included in
any benefit program generally applicable to the officers and
employees of the State."
SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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





Report Title: School Facilities Authority; Executive Director; Appointment

Description: Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to appoint an Executive Director and evaluate their performance annually. (Proposed SD1)

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