THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. ⁵³¹ S.D. 2

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 authority's board members.

5 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
6 school facilities authority board to appoint the executive
7 director of the school facility authority.

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

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



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1 occurs.] The salary of the executive director shall be set by
2 the school facilities board and the executive director shall be
3 included in any benefit program generally applicable to the
4 officers and employees of the State."
5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Description:

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Authorizes the School Facilities Authority Board to appoint an Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority. (SD2)

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