
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 section 26-61(a)(2),
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the goal that all children
3 three and four years of age will have access to a preschool
4 program by the end of 2032. It is estimated that to achieve
5 this goal, Hawaii will need to build four hundred sixty-five
6 preschool classrooms within the next decade. Act 257, Session
7 Laws of Hawaii 2022, appropriated \$200,000,000 to the school
8 facilities authority to, among other things, construct new
9 school facilities to increase pre-kindergarten student capacity
10 in Hawaii.

11 The legislature further finds that parents are likely to
12 enroll their child in a preschool that is located near their
13 place of employment. The Rainbow Schools preschool facility
14 located on the 1st floor of the Prince Jonah Kuhio Federal
15 Building and the Early Education Center located on the city and
16 county of Honolulu's municipal parking lot are some of the most



1 desired and popular preschools in the State due to their
2 proximity to parents' jobs.

3 The legislature further finds that future preschools in
4 Hawaii should be built in locations convenient for parents,
5 including in hotels, office buildings, and other urban areas.

6 The purpose of this Act is to require the school facilities
7 authority to consider establishing preschool classrooms in or
8 near hotels, office buildings, and other urban areas with high
9 centers of employment.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to part VI, subpart C, to be
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13 **"§302A- Preschool locations; considerations; matching**
14 **funds.** (a) For determining the locations of new preschool
15 classrooms for the purpose of satisfying the goal established by
16 section 26-61(a)(2) and continuing to satisfy that goal after
17 December 31, 2032, the authority shall consider establishing
18 preschool classrooms in or near hotels, office buildings, and
19 other urban areas having high centers of employment, with
20 consideration given to the locations convenient for parents of
21 the enrolled children and prospective enrolled children.

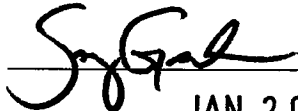


1 (b) The authority may provide matching funds appropriated
2 by the legislature to assist funding construction or renovation
3 of preschool classrooms by partnerships entered into pursuant to
4 section 302A-1703(c)(7)."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

School Facilities Authority; Preschool; Classrooms

Description:

Requires the School Facilities Authority to consider establishing preschool classrooms in or near hotels, office buildings, and other urban areas with high centers of employment, with consideration given to the locations convenient for parents. Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to provide matching funds for preschool construction.

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