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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1151.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as  
3 follows:

4 "(a) When the department considers whether to close any  
5 particular public school, it shall simultaneously give  
6 reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the  
7 facilities of the public school available for housing for  
8 department employees, excluding the superintendent, deputy  
9 superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, and  
10 vice-principals, to charter schools and early learning programs;  
11 provided that the facilities may be used for any other purpose  
12 the board deems appropriate.

13 (b) The department shall identify unused public school  
14 facilities that may be appropriate for:

15 (1) Housing for department employees, excluding the  
16 superintendent, deputy superintendents, assistant  
17 superintendents, principals, and vice-principals;



1        [+] (2) Charter schools;

2        [+] (3) Early learning programs; and

3        [+] (4) Any other purpose the board deems appropriate.

4        Suitable grounds available upon a public school closure, as

5        determined by the department, shall be inventoried for potential

6        development of housing for department employees, excluding the

7        superintendent, deputy superintendents, assistant

8        superintendents, principals, and vice-principals.

9        Suitable empty classrooms, as determined by the department,

10      shall be inventoried for potential use by charter schools, early

11      learning programs, or for any other purpose the board deems

12      appropriate. Priority shall be given to facilities on sites

13      with sufficient space for three or more classrooms."

14       SECTION 2. Section 302D-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

15      amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16       "(a) When the department considers whether to close any

17      particular department school, the department shall submit a

18      notice of possible availability of a department school or notice

19      of vacancy of a department school to the board pursuant to

20      section 302A-1151.5(b); provided that the department has not

21      elected to use the department school to support education

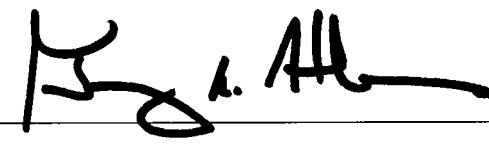


1 programs[.] or housing for department employees pursuant to  
2 section 302A-1151.5(a)."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2542

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Public School Facilities; Employee Housing

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Education to give reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the facilities of a public school available to housing development for certain employees of the Department when closing the public school. Requires the Department of Education to identify unused public school facilities that may be appropriate for employee housing and inventory suitable grounds available upon public school closure for potential development of employee housing.

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