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H. B. 470.

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public School Facilities.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

Prior to Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 1955, each county in the State was responsible for the construction of school improvements, maintenance of

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public school facilities and grounds and the transportation of school children within the county. Act 97 stripped the counties of the responsibility involving this whole area.

Under existing law, counties are precluded from doing anything in this area, even to spend their own funds if they so desire. This corrective legislation is urgently needed in order to allow counties to go above and beyond the State's standards and provide educational facilities as good as the people of the counties want and are willing to pay for. Allowing local communities to go above and beyond established minimums to provide for their people encourages the best features of democratic government.

SECTION 2. Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 1965, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending section 1, subsection (1) to read as follows:

“(1) the planning, construction, improvement and maintenance of public school facilities and grounds and the transportation of school children; provided, that nothing in this subsection shall preclude the several counties from expending their own funds to supplement state funds.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved May 7, 1968.)