**ACT 256** 

H.B. NO. 182

A Bill for an Act Relating to the School Priority Fund. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 296D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]§296D-4[]] Use of resources by schools. School principals shall consult with teachers, [and to the extent practicable, with] parents, and students[,] to solicit their advice on the use of moneys and positions. Prior to expending moneys and implementing position assignments, principals shall submit plans for the use of the moneys and positions to their district superintendents who shall review the plans for conformance with departmental policies and rules. Upon approval of the plans, moneys may be expended by the principals for supplies, textbooks, equipment, and services. Positions may be used to meet the unique needs of the schools."

SECTION 2. Section 296D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]\$296D-5[]] Departmental controls. The superintendent shall develop and implement appropriate planning procedures and follow-up accountability reports, without regard to chapter 91, to ensure sound planning, control, and accountability in the use of the school priority fund. The procedures and reports, however, shall recognize the need for providing the schools latitude and discretion to determine their needs and priorities, and shall avoid imposing undue amounts of paperwork and administrative burdens on the schools.

The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature which shall include but not be limited to an accounting of how funds were used by the schools."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved June 11, 1983.)