ACT 256

A Bill for an Act Relating to School Fees.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, there is established a pilot project at any public school whereby seventy per cent of the net receipts collected by a school from rental fees for usage of facilities by private organizations or individuals shall be deposited with that school for its own use rather than deposited into the State's general fund. These moneys include but are not limited to classroom, parking lot, auditorium, and dining room rental fees.

The remaining thirty per cent of the net receipts shall be allocated to the district office to assist schools that service type 1 and type 2 users. Type 1 users are organizations such as the Parent, Teacher, Student Association; school community-based councils; DOE inservice workshops; A+ programs; and primary and general elections. Type 2 users are organizations such as federal, state, and county agencies; non-profit community organizations; youth athletic teams; private pre-school and after school programs endorsed by the DOE; public hearings and meetings; and other educational or recreational activities approved by the school where no fees are assessed or collected.

(b) Rental fees collected, deposited, and expended at a school shall be:

(1) In accordance with the department of education's rules; and

(2) Approved by the department of education.

(c) Each school shall set its own rental fee schedule and shall not be subject to the department of education's fee schedule or rental fees, for usage of facilities during the pilot project; provided that type 1 and type 2 users shall be subject to the department of education's fee schedule. A school may reduce rental fees in view of any improvements made by a renter.

SECTION 2. The department of education shall report to the legislature the total rental fees collected and how the moneys were expended pursuant to this pilot project no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2001 and 2002.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on June 30, 2002.

(Approved June 20, 2000.)