

ACT 22

S.B. NO. 3098

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Education for Lead Abatement.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The legislature finds that in providing a safe educational space for students to learn, the department of education strives to ensure that its facilities are maintained to protect the health and safety of its students, teachers, and staff. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood, and lead is harmful to health, especially for children.

The legislature further finds that the results of the recently completed first phase of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act grant program found that some department of education elementary schools in Hawaii have old plumbing fixtures that are depositing trace amounts of lead into drinking water sources.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for fiscal year 2021-2022 for lead abatement measures at department of education elementary schools, including the repair or replacement of plumbing fixtures shown to have lead levels of more than five parts per billion.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,850,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the purpose of lead abatement measures at department of education elementary schools.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of education.

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

(Approved May 5, 2022.)