
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO EXERCISE EMERGENCY POWERS TO EXPEDITE
THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH
SCHOOL.

1 WHEREAS, only twenty-one of the two hundred fifty-seven
2 public schools in the State are fully air conditioned, and due
3 to high levels of heat found in the State's public schools, the
4 Department of Education last year conducted a study to determine
5 priority for installing air conditioning in those schools
6 without air conditioning; and

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8 WHEREAS, under the original criteria of the study, James
9 Campbell High School in Ewa Beach was ranked seventh in priority
10 to receive air conditioning; and

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12 WHEREAS, in November 2007, Department of Education
13 officials updated the list of schools to account for humidity
14 and the amount of time that schools remain at peak temperatures
15 before heat subsides; and

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17 WHEREAS, under the updated criteria, James Campbell High
18 School's priority for air conditioning dropped from number seven
19 to number seventy; and

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21 WHEREAS, James Campbell High School is unique in its
22 circumstances in that it is located under the glide path to
23 runways at Honolulu International Airport and Hickam Air Force
24 Base; and

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26 WHEREAS, the excessive noise and dust generated by
27 commercial and military aircraft landing at the airfields
28 demands that classroom windows must frequently remain closed
29 during the day so that classes are not disturbed; and

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1 WHEREAS, the closed classroom windows prevent air
 2 circulation and result in even higher temperatures in the
 3 classrooms that make it difficult for teachers to teach and for
 4 students to concentrate and learn; and

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 6 WHEREAS, teachers and students at James Campbell High
 7 School have recorded classroom temperatures as high as one
 8 hundred degrees, and they are forced to combat the heat by
 9 wiping their foreheads with wet cloths, rolling up their shirts,
 10 and huddling around fans; and

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 12 WHEREAS, the new criteria used to determine the priority of
 13 public schools for receiving air conditioning does not take into
 14 account the special conditions of excessive noise and dust that
 15 contribute to the excessive heat at James Campbell High School;
 16 now, therefore,

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 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 20 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
 21 urged to find that the excessive noise pollution and air
 22 pollution generated by aircraft landing near James Campbell High
 23 School creates an imminent peril to the public health and safety
 24 of the students and faculty at the school, pursuant to section
 25 342B-43 and 342F-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
 28 exercise emergency powers and take action as may be necessary to
 29 expedite the installation of air conditioning at James Campbell
 30 High School in order to reduce heat, excessive noise, and dust
 31 pollution in the classrooms; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 35 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
 36 Education, and the principal of James Campbell High School.

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