Vision and Action

Under Act 155, the Department will leverage its land assets by optimizing underused sites and generating revenue to modernize school facilities for 21st Century learning.

The law authorizes a pilot program for the Department to lease school lands for “public purposes” that may include such projects as workforce housing. Revenues generated can only be used for new construction of 21st Century school facilities and repair and maintenance of existing school facilities.

By the Numbers

Act 155 is designed to create an additional revenue stream for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and new, modern schools.

How it Works

The Board of Education may identify and select up to five public school land sites as candidates for the pilot. The BOE shall hold at least one public meeting in each affected community, and foster school and community participation. The Department may lease land for no more than three sites for up to 55 years per lease. Facilities revert back to the Department after leases expire.

Future Schools Now

The Department is deploying an innovative, multi-strategy initiative to expedite school upgrades, modernize its facilities maintenance program, and plan for future facilities needs. The initiative, already underway, is named Future Schools Now, conveying the urgency of modernizing all Hawaii public schools to foster innovation and world-class learning. Learn more at http://bit.ly/HIDOE-FSN.