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TO: The Honorable Kenneth Uemura  
Chairperson, Finance and Infrastructure Committee

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Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Update on Status of Implementation of Act 155 (Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 302A-1151.1, Pilot Program for Lease of Public School Land): Site Selection Criteria and Strategic Direction**

1. DESCRIPTION

Act 155/SLH 2013 (a.k.a. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools) allows three pilot sites to be selected, from underutilized Department of Education (DOE) assets, to be developed in such a way as to improve DOE schools.

2. UPDATE OR PRESENTATION

The Office of School Facilities and Support Services will provide a verbal and written update on recent activities for the Act 155 program.

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Attachment

c: Office of School Facilities and Support Services  
Facilities Development Branch

## Written Update on Recent Activities for the Act 155 Program

### Actions Since Last Update:

- Met with Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation to discuss Act 155 development model for teacher housing projects.
  - Primary issues discussed:
    - Financial model (no land cost, teacher salaries, etc.)
    - Location (near rail, or geographic areas w/ low retention, etc.)
    - Number of units (mid-rise, low-rise, village, etc.)
  - Discussed facility type; mixed use vs. dedicated teacher housing
  - Discussed military housing protocols for priority placement/management
- Contacted the Department of Education (DOE), teacher recruitment specialist to determine areas with greatest retention issues.
- Re-initiated consultant work:
  - Demographic study
  - Preliminary site due diligence
- Extended consultant contract to include:
  - Teacher housing development
  - Act 210, 2018 (City and County land transfer to DOE):
    - July 2018, Governor signed Act 210, 2018 SLH (SB-2237), which requires the transfer of select public school lands currently owned by the City and County of Honolulu (City) to the DOE.
    - We are currently working with the City, Department of Land Management, to work out the process and details of how these lands will be transferred from the City to the DOE.
- Contacted firms, which submitted information for earlier request for information, to continue discussions about sites of interest.