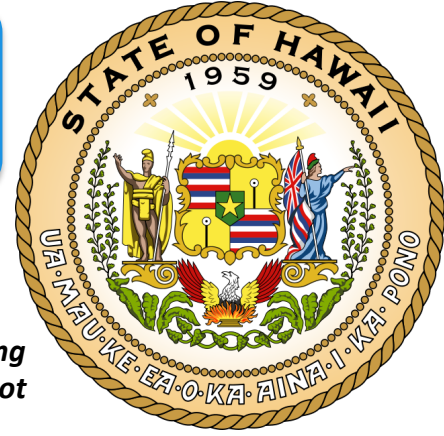


Last year over 1000 classrooms had no permanent teacher all year. Let's vote to do better for our keiki.



GOOD NEWS!

After years of efforts by parents and teachers to achieve permanent funding for Hawai'i schools, the legislature voted to put a measure on the Nov ballot for a constitutional amendment to allow a surcharge on investment property taxes to fund our Hawai'i public schools!

EDUCATION FUNDING "CON AM" BALLOT MEASURE

"Shall the legislature be authorized to establish, as provided by law, a surcharge on investment real property to be used to support public education?"



We need this ballot measure to pass because ...

Hawai'i spends the lowest % of county and state funds on education in the country!

- ★ Adjusted for cost of living, Hawai'i ranks 45th in the nation in per pupil spending.
- ★ Adjusted for cost of living, Hawai'i teachers are the lowest paid in the nation.
- ★ Hawai'i is ranked 49th worst state in which to be a teacher.
- ★ Many Hawai'i public school students attend school all year without qualified teachers
- ★ Native Hawaiian students are more likely to have unqualified teachers than others.

Hawai'i is the only state without property tax funding of public education!

- ★ Hawai'i has the lowest property tax rate in the country.
- ★ Low property taxes attract investment and lead to high prices for homes and land.
- ★ Foreign owned properties are 64% more expensive than local residents' homes.
- ★ Off-island investors use Hawai'i property for gains without paying significant taxes.
- ★ The proposed surcharge is ONLY on investment properties- not on residents' homes.

Fair taxation of corporate and millionaire investment properties can support public education to give all children equal opportunity.

Fund schools, retain teachers, and prepare all our keiki for the future.

Vote for the "ConAm" ballot measure!

Visit www.PPSHI.org/facts for sources for info above.

YOUR VOTE IS CRUCIAL!

Link to the actual proposed constitutional amendment

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2018/bills/SB2922_HD1_.htm

About the amendment

<https://ballotpedia.org/>

[Hawaii Surcharge on Investment Properties to Fund Public Education Amendment \(2018\)](#)

Text of the relevant section of the constitution with underlined amended text:

he measure would amend Section 3 of Article VIII and Section 1 of Article X of the Hawaii Constitution. The following underlined text would be added and struck-through text would be deleted:[1]

Section 3 of Article VIII

Section 3. The taxing power shall be reserved to the State, except so much thereof as may be delegated by the legislature to the political subdivisions, and except that all functions, powers and duties relating to the taxation of real property shall be exercised exclusively by the counties, with the exception of the county of Kalawao.; provided that the legislature may establish, as provided by law, a surcharge on investment real property. The legislature shall have the power to apportion state revenues among the several political subdivisions.

Section 1 of Article X

Section 1. The State shall provide for the establishment, support and control of a statewide system of public schools free from sectarian control, a state university, public libraries and such other educational institutions as may be deemed desirable, including physical facilities therefor. There shall be no discrimination in public educational institutions because of race, religion, sex or ancestry; nor shall public funds be appropriated for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution, except that proceeds of special purpose revenue bonds authorized or issued under section 12 of Article VII may be appropriated to finance or assist:

1. Not-for-profit corporations that provide early childhood education and care facilities serving the general public; and
2. Not-for-profit private nonsectarian and sectarian elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities.

Funding of public education shall be determined by the legislature; provided that revenues derived from a surcharge on investment real property pursuant to section 3 of article VIII shall be used to support public education.[7]