

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- SUBJECT:** Relating to installing shaded play areas at public schools.
- REFERENCE:** Senate Concurrent Resolution 88, SD 1 (2008)
- ACTION REQUESTED:** The Department of Education will develop a prototype model or guidelines for schools, community groups or volunteer organizations to follow when installing or creating shaded play areas at public schools.
- DOE REPORT:**
Introduction: The Department has developed guidelines for schools, community groups, or volunteer organizations to follow when installing or creating shaded play areas at public schools.
- FINDINGS** Shaded play areas are considered a structure, and as such, requires a Building Permit and the applicable County Building Code applies. Structures are required to be separated from other structures based on the construction classification and fire resistance of its component materials. Structures must also be designed to resist lateral and uplift forces as specified in these building codes. Access to these play areas must also be provided in accordance with the Disability and Communication Access Board and Section 103-50, HRS.
- RECOMMENDATIONS** Before embarking on a project of this type, individuals and groups must first check with the Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services Planning Section. This is to see if the proposed shade structure will conflict with any known siting or future placement of any other structure.