

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1891
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the availability of funds for repair and maintenance (R&M) projects at Hawaii's public schools by increasing the funds deposited into the State Educational Facilities Improvement Special Fund.

The Department of Education (DOE) supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

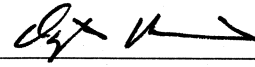
Your Committee noted concerns raised by the DOE regarding the unnecessary provision of depositing funds specifically for bond-funded R&M and cash-funded repair. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that deposit funds specifically for bond-funded R&M and cash-funded repair; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



