

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2704
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2704, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify and update financial provisions relating to school repair and maintenance by:

- (1) Repealing the school-level minor repair and maintenance account that consists of general funds because these funds have already been included in the weighted student formula for allocating funds to public schools; and
- (2) Removing the requirement that each school principal, through the Superintendent of Education, submit an annual report to the Department of Accounting and General Services regarding expenditures made from the school-level minor repair and maintenance accounts.

The Department of Education (DOE) testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:



- (1) Removing the requirement that DOE allocate funds for school-level minor repairs and maintenance based on the number of students at the school multiplied by a factor that recognizes the age and condition of the school; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2704, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2704, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



